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Hostilities rise as "Gay Beach" crackdown continues

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

Activists throughout the gay community are steaming mad because of a two-month police crackdown on sex and nudity at Sacramento beach frequented by gays.

As of July 9, police had arrested 70 people on a variety of charges, most relating to public indecency.

Gays claim the police department is discriminating by arrested those who use area of the American River Parkway at the end of 10th and North B streets. Police say they are just responding to complaints by business owners and boaters.

But the specifics of what gays are angry about vary.

Lee Nichols, a professor at Sacramento State and gay activist, recently mailed a two-page letter to the Sacramento City Council accusing the police department of trying to "quarantine" the beach by constructing a "Berlin Wall" between the street and the levee.

Jerry Sloan, president of the Lambda Community Fund also mailed a letter to the council saying the police department is being unfair to the gay community by immediately responding to business owners' complaints while ignoring years of pleas for more police protection against gay bashings in the downtown area.

"This has set the gay community's relationship with the police department back 10 years," said Sloan. "It's already having a major impact on people reporting gay bashings."

Nichols and Sloan are both angry with Lee Dohm, Sacramento Deputy Police Chief and liaison to the gay community. Nichols cited Dohm's statement in *MGW's* July 1 issue, in which he admitted he had not visited the alleged crime scene. Nichols also called Dohm's statement "We don't want them out there ..." an example of discrimination against gays.

Sloan says Dohm has ignored his requests for increased patrols around 20th Street to prevent gay bashings. "He has told us for years, the city doesn't have the money, but they sound like they have enough money for a fence," said Sloan.

In an interview with *MGW*, Dohm said the two-man undercover beach operation has resulted in a "massive reduction in the crimes being committed there." While he confirmed uniformed officers will continue to patrol the area, Dohm refused to say whether the department was going to continue the undercover portion of the operation.

"I know what's going-on out there from what officers tell me. There is no need for me to personally visit every crime scene in Sacramento," said Dohm. He elaborated by saying he had, in the past, visited the area by land and by water and that it wasn't necessary to walk every path on the levee to know "there is a problem."

In an apparent response to the letters by Nichols, Sloan and others, Sacramento Police Chief Jack Kearns recently told *MGW* by letter that the "... department is dedicated to serving the entire community" but that the size of the city prevents him from meeting with every organization.

ACT-UP Sacramento, or at least one member of the organization, Everett Denman, claims to have been the lone speaker on the beach issue at the June 3 city council meeting. He has also reportedly met with the police department's community relations committee.

Denman says ACT-UP is responsible for the scheduling of a meeting about the beach with District 1 Councilwoman Heather

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Police department is trying

Dear Editor:

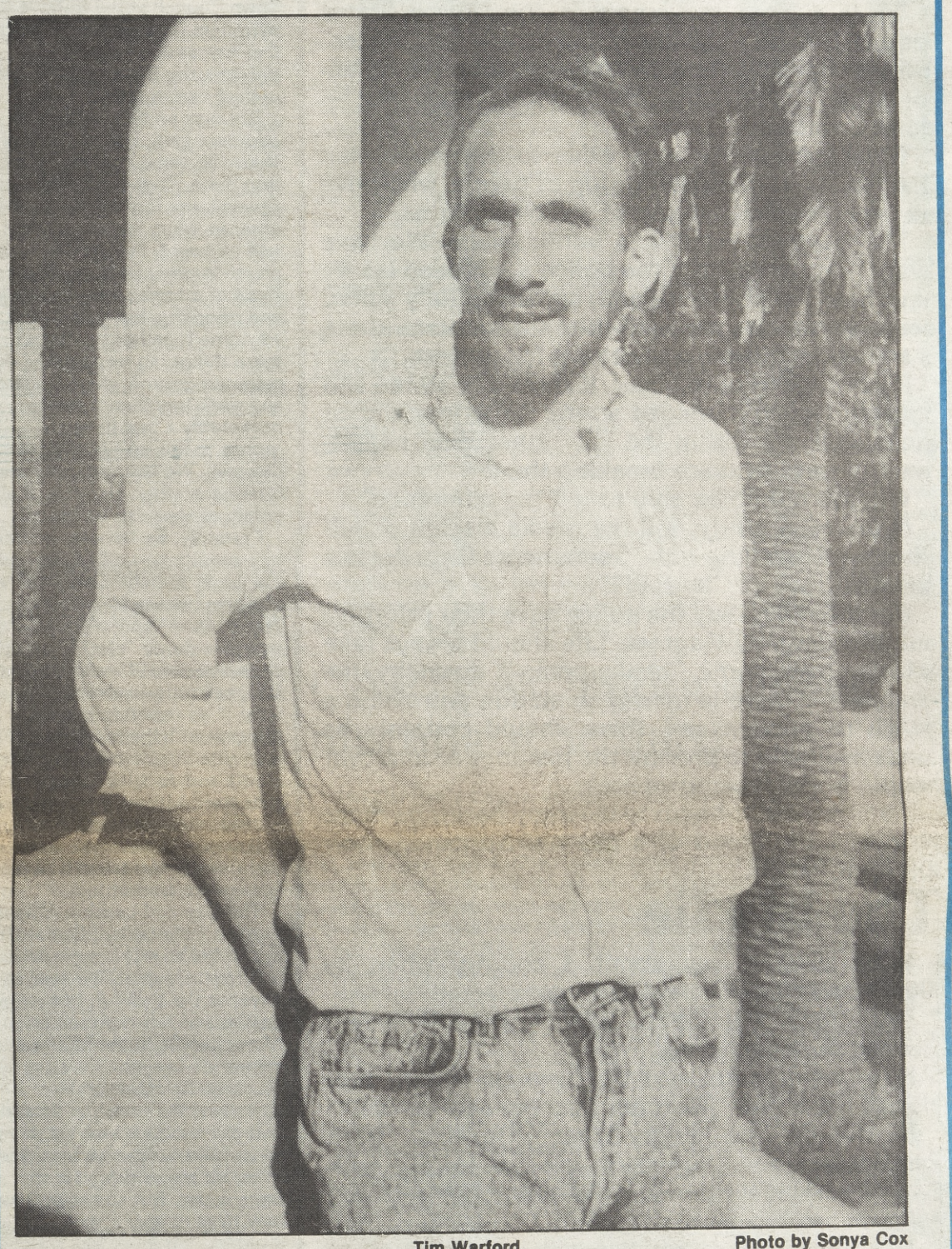
The Sacramento Police Department is dedicated to serve the entire community. The City of Sacramento is rich with a multitude of cultures, ethnic backgrounds and lifestyles.

As Chief of Police, I have tried to meet with as many people and organizations as possible. Unfortunately, because of the size of the community, I am unable to meet with every organization. However, because I feel it is extremely important we maintain communication, I have developed the Sacramento Police Department Management Outreach Program. A member of the Police Department management team, Deputy Chief Lee Dohm, will be the liaison to the gay community.

I would like to ensure that your community has direct contact with the Police Department. He will meet with your community at least once every three months, and will keep me advised of the meetings and your areas of concern.

I look forward to your participation in this program which should enhance the communication between the citizens of Sacramento and the Police Department.

John P. Kearns
Chief of Police



Tim Warford — **Photo by Sonya Cox**

Sacramento remembers a hero

Sacramento lost one of its brightest lights when Tim Warford left this life at age 30. A prominent member of the gay community, serving as co-founder and executive director of the Lambda Community Fund, Tim was probably most proud of having been selected to serve on the Sacramento Grand Jury for the past year. "This is a marvelous opportunity," he had said. "I'm proud they've selected an openly gay person with a background in government to serve. They started with 120 names, submitted by Superior Court judges, and pared it down to the 17 selected. Publicly speaking out is crucial now. Politics plays a crucial role, because money and time are of the essence." Time was just

See **Warford** *on page 7*

KWOD lawsuit involves gays

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

The owner of KWOD 106 FM has filed a $10 million slander lawsuit against KSFM 102 FM over comments that disc jockey Chris Collins made on the air last summer.

The lawsuit, filled in U.S. District Court in Sacramento by KWOD owner Edward R. Stolz, accuses Collins, host of KSFM's "Morning Zoo" program, of repeatedly accusing KWOD of hating gays and blacks and encouraging listeners to lodge complaints with the Federal Communications Commission.

While no complaints were filed, Stolz claims many advertisers and listeners switched stations as a result of Collins' June 30, 1989 comments.

Richard W. Olsen, lawyer for KSFM, saiid he thought the problem had been resolved shortly after KWOD sent KSFM a letter demanding a retraction a week after Collins made his comments. While Olsen declined to say how KSFM responded to the letter, Stolz said there has been no retraction.

Collins' 1989 comments came just days after disc jockey Pat Garrett used derogatory remarks to describe gays and asked listeners to call in with others.

It was on June 13, Everett Denman heard Garrett use the words "faggot" and "limp-wristed queer."

Denman filed a complaint with the Sacramento City-County Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission, launched a letter-writing campaign to KWOD's advertisers, requested an apology and made several other requests.

Stolz maintains that Collins' took an isolated "gag" by Garrett and extrapolated it to other forms of behavior.

But over the last two weeks,

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MGW EDITORIAL

Police are right and also wrong

Sacramento police are doing what we pay them to: they are arresting and citing those who break laws, including those concerning public sex and nudity. However, they are also reportedly doing a lot more than that based on the number of calls *MGW* has received alleging verbal and physical police harassment on and near Sacramento's unofficial "gay beach."

While a large movement in the United States feels that nudity and sex in public are "victimless" crimes, the laws nonetheless exist and will be enforced by police. If the law is wrong, change it — don't violate it.

Breaking the law only adds to the perception that we are a "militant" group of people who have no consideration for any of society's norms.

The beach in itself is a public place. We have every right to use it. If the police are indeed (as we have heard in phone reports) harassing fully suited beach-goers, not engaged in sexual contact, there is something wrong and reason for protest.

If a protest were to occur, it should be stated and restated that the alleged wrong is harassment of those who are within the law rather than harassment of gays who are breaking the law.

Will the public be able to tell the difference?

More importantly, will the media discern or will Channel 3 headline with "Sacramento Gays protest for public sex at City Hall?"

For those who say the police have their priorities out of order, *MGW* agrees. Life should always take priority over some "hanky-panky" down by the riverside. If there is money to station patrols on a beach to prevent sex, there should certainly be funds available to prevent the beatings of innocent people in the downtown area.

If police do not begin to take gay bashings more seriously, the blood of a gay murder could soon soil their hands.

The big lie

What does it say about a country when its highest elected official lies to get elected?

Not much. Yet that is exactly what President George Bush has done.

How many times did we have to endure that classic Bush line "Read my lips: No new taxes?"

It makes me angry that America, both Republicans and Democrats are not furious with Bush. This is blatant public dishonesty for personal gain.

And the same thing has pained the state of California for several weeks — Republicans insisting it is possible to balance California's budget without raising taxes.

While California is one of the most powerful economic forces in the world, nothing is free — you have to pay for everything. Our growth must be supported by a government with the courage to raise taxes rather than stifle our golden state by yanking the support systems out from under the poor, diseased or handicapped.

The time has come for California and America to face reality and pay their bills.

Congratulations

If you haven't noticed there is a certain heterosexual newspaper in Sacramento that is giving a lot of attention to Sacramento's Gay and Lesbian Community.

MGW congratulates *Sacramento News & Review* for some thoroughly excellent stories about our community.

SN&R's cover story for Thursday, June 28 was "Teens against the tide: to be young and gay in Sacramento." A week later, the tabloid featured an in-depth examination of the Sacramento Chapter of ACT-UP.

Now if we could get the *SN&R* crew to talk to the *Union*...

— Jim Walker■

MGW WRITE

Are we winning with Town Council?

Dear Editor:

If there is anything more important to the advancement of our community than free speech, I don't know what it is. We have a right to live our lives the way we do in this country precisely because our Constitution protects our right to express ourselves as individuals and as a group with common goals and needs. That is why it seems incongruent that our Town Council voted to have its members "voluntarily" restrict that expression so as to preserve the image that we are a unified community.

We may all be unified to a common goal, but we don't all share the same methods to getting there. That is why the Town Council was formed; to provide an *open forum* for all to speak and be heard. Inherent in such an environment will be disagreement of other's ideas, methods, and priorities, but that is why we come together to discuss these things; so we can find our common ground where it exists, and work together. It is not necessarily a bad thing for groups in this community to disagree. We can grow and learn from each other. But only if all points of view can be heard.

Certainly, we have an interest in presenting a unified front to the larger society. But, when we disagree, whose ideas will be presented as representing all of us? Who do we "elect" to be our spokespersons if we choose not to speak for ourselves? And what if we really do strongly disagree with the person or group who gets the attention of the media and decides to make a statement with us that goes against our own personal philosophy? Should we defer our views in the interest of a false perception of unity?

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Sacramento (GLAAD/SAC) is a member of the Town Council. We exist to advance the truthful, honest, accurate, and fair representation of our people in the media. We cannot do our jobs if we are censored by others or by ourselves. We certainly do support our brothers and sisters in all the other organizations. We know we are working for the same cause. But sometimes we may have to speak up and disagree. We think that's a good thing — to openly discuss our differences, to work them out, or even just agree to disagree.

There is diversity within our community. That is what we celebrate as gay and lesbian people — the right to be different, to express ourselves as individuals. It's important that we don't lose that in our fight for our civil rights; else what would we have won?

Mary Smith
Media Co-Chair, GLAAD/SAC

Get mad — get GLAAD

Dear Editor:

When an editor at the *Sacramento Bee* was asked why the *Bee* didn't cover our Gay/Lesbian Freedom Fair, she said we are "invisible." We don't exist! We are non-entities.

The 7,000+ who attended the fair certainly weren't invisible. I believe that the 30,000 gay subscribers to the *Bee* should call and write the *Bee* to let them know that we are not invisible.

Channel 10 "lost" the public service announcement about the Fair. Other media said there was too much other "news" to cover that day. Do they mean that a crawdad fair is more important than people struggling for freedom.

None of the local media covered the Sacramento contingency in the S.F. Parade. City Councilwoman Kim Mueller was the first local politician to join us in the parade. The media instead chose to show a few drag queens, thus perpetuating the unfounded myth that all gay men are into drag.

Call the straight media and let them know you don't care for their brand of prejudiced reporting. Better yet, fight bigotry in the media by joining GLAAD/SAC. Call our hotline: 552-1935.

John D. Helm
GLAAD/SAC, Secretary

Thank you

Dear Editor:

Thank you to your reporter, Matt Kennedy, for your kind, insightful review of my film, *Tongues Untied*. I was out of town during the festival screening, so I missed seeing the response to the film this time around. Mr. Kennedy's review reaffirms the confidence I feel in my work (which was not always there, especially when I first contemplated this project).

Thanks again.

Marlon Riggs
Tongues Untied

Lessening the pain

Dear Editor:

I have a friend who died of AIDS the other day, and this is what happened when I sat down to try to rationalize this whole "thing."

You may print it, if you like. Perhaps it will lessen the pain that others are feeling as well.

My Circle of Friends
(or Ignorant Men and Ignorant Children)

It has finally encroached into
my circle of friends.
Sometimes I see men laughing
and joking together
as if there was nothing
bothering them.
I feel jealous
because I want to feel the
same way.
But I can't because I know,
I just know that things aren't
all that good.
I also feel sorry for them
though
because I know how sad they
will feel
when it finally reaches their
circle too.
Someday I will be like a child
again
I will be able to laugh and
joke like those men
I will laugh long and deep
because
I won't be scared
and because I will be with my
circle of friends.
It's not that they are ignorant,
they just don't *know*.

Anonymous

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MGW WRITE

Patients' interest not served by article

Dear Editor:

Stephan Pardi's letter to the editor and his article on oral alpha interferon treatment for HIV is filled with falsehoods and is a deliberate attempt to discredit in the eyes of the public a potentially valuable and inexpensive treatment long before commencement of formal trials and conclusion of any community-based trials in the United States and before conclusion of the double-blind controlled study in Kenya. As preliminary evidence from credible PWA test groups points towards efficacy, we might ask whose payroll Pardi is on and what interests they seek to protect. Certainly not the patients'.

I found Arturo Jackson's restatement of the contents of stories by the *New York Times, The New York Native* and *Biotechnology Newswatch* to be credible, responsible and professional. I found Pardi's lengthy comments to be merely argumentative with little apparent reason for the bias. The very title of his article is deceptive as the real lesson or story is not yet in on this one. Among these discrepancies are the following:

1) Pardi states Koech et al. claim their treatment is a "cure" of AIDS. Nowhere in Dr. Davy Koech's report do its authors claim a cure. On the contrary they state in conclusion, "The meaning of these observations ... and the mechanism by which low oral dosages could be absorbed and cause such effects are unknown. A double blind placebo controlled study of the efficacy of oral HulFNa in the management of AIDS patients will soon begin in Kenya. Confirmation of the efficacy of oral low dosage HulFNa therapy in HIV-1 seropositive patients is urgently needed."

2) Pardi states Koech is the "discoverer' of Kemron. Koech did not discover it — he tested it.

3) Pardi states Kemron is a Kenyan drug. It is not. It is made only by Hayashibara in Japan.

3) Pardi states over half the study group had a T-cell count of over 1000 before the study began. Table 2 of the report indicates only six of 40 had initial CD4+ lymphocyte counts of over 1000. Note that seven of 40 had initial CD4+ lymphocyte counts under 175.

5) Pardi says Koech claims all patients had AIDS. Koech does not claim all patients had AIDS. He states that all were diagnosed seropositive for HIV-1 by ELISA and Western Blot and 38 of 40 were symptomatic.

The oldest and largest community-based trial of oral alpha IFN in the United States is being conducted by the PWA Health Alliance in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. That group reports basically good results so far (after 11 weeks), both in improved clinical course and elevated lab values.

None of the naysayers quoted by Pardi are in a position to know, or to accuse Dr. Koech and the Government of Kenya of attempting to perpetrate a fraud upon the international scientific community. Considering the very low price of this treatment, off-the-cuff disparagements by people who stand to lose money if it is effective are far less credible than the formal report of Dr. Koech and associates and the preliminary reports of the Ft. Lauderdale PWA Health Alliance and other PWA treatment study groups.

Samuel W. Murdoch

A place for responsible journalism

Dear Editor:

I'd like to respond to the letter and "guest" article by Stephen Pardi in the last issue of *MGW,* in which he suggests I support his belief that Arturo Jackson's recent article *(the latest issue)* is "lacking in professional responsibility." As Pardi clarified for me in a recent phone call, his point apparently is that every side of every topic should be presented in every article written about every drug. He went on to say it's up to "responsible AIDS journalists" not only to determine which treatments receive press coverage, but also to draw conclusions for the readers regarding a drug's potential so that the unsuspecting public is not deceived by "snake oil salesmen."

He says any article which presents only one aspect of an issue (such as the positive slant Jackson presented in his story entitled "Alpha Interferon provides new hope") is irresponsible reporting that should be relegated to restaurant reviews and not AIDS journalism. (Pardi apparently missed the article in the *Positive Social Support Newsletter [PSSN],* called "Oral Alpha Interferon Requires More Study," which thoroughly discusses the other side of the issue.)

I won't go into the inaccuracies in Pardi's lengthy column regarding oral alpha interferon, or my feelings about his attempts to draw conclusions for his readers, and his public suggestion that their interests would be better served if their information came from a "medical/science writer" as opposed to "mere AIDS reporters.' I wish only to go on record as saying that I feel Sacramento is well served by Arturo Jackson's reporting. I'm absolutely convinced that his coverage of issues in both *the latest issue* and the *PSSN,* combined with the coverage of topics on the HIV NEWSLINE page of *MGW,* allows Sacramento readers to see all sides of all treatment issues and make informed decisions regarding their health care, should they choose to closely participate with their physician in decisions affecting their lives.

To suggest to the readers of these publications — whose lives are on the line — that they are getting anything less than accurate, caring reporting of facts — no matter how complicated and emotional specific issues may get — is my definition of irresponsible journalism. And there is no place for it in Sacramento.

Sonya Cox
HIV/AIDS Editor, *MGW*

MGW UNDER THE DOME

Speakers bureau offering training

Women and men interested in making presentations to groups in the gay and non-gay communities are invited to attend the two-part speakers training scheduled by the River City Democratic Club/Lambda Community speakers Bureau on Wednesday, July 25 and August 1. Both meetings will be held at the Lambda Center and participants are asked to commit to both the 6:30 to 9:30pm July 25 and the 6:30 to 8:30pm August 1 training.

Guest facilitator will be Geneva Fernandez, Speakers Bureau Coordinator for the Lesbian/Gay Speakers Bureau of Community United Against Violence in San Francisco. Training will include understanding the dynamics of the audience and working effectively with those dynamics, taking charge of your topic, being comfortable with the audience's questions and encourage them to confront you as a speaker, as well as participating in a mock presentation with the facilitator dealing with homophobia, racism and sexism.

For information and to register for the training: Co-Coordinator Marghe Covino at 371-3848 or Judy Ludwick at 429-2806. ■

Congressman beaten near home

Openly gay Representative Gerry Studds, D-Mass, was badly beaten by two men near his home in Washington D.C.

The two alleged assailants, both 19 years old, reportedly kicked the congressman in the face and body but did not steal anything. One of the suspects is said to have told police "it seemed like the thing to do at the time," according to court records.

The men, who were arrested and charged with assaulting a member of Congress, pleaded not guilty.

A spokesman for Studds said the assailants told police they did not know Studds and learned he was a congressman after the arrest.

The attackers, if convicted of the felony charge, could face up to 10 years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

New ballot on gay rights

Domestic partners legislation may be back on the ballot this November in San Francisco.

Openly gay San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt plans to include in the new measure the most controversial aspects of the defeated proposal — the legal recognition of gay and lesbian relationships through a formal registration process.

Arlo Smith to speak at RCDC

Arlo Smith

Arlo Smith, Democratic candidate for State Attorney General, will make his first post-primary Sacramento appearance at a special River City Democratic Club meeting at 6:30pm on Thursday, July 19 in the First United Methodist Church Terrace Room at 21st and J Street.

Smith, in his 10th year as San Francisco's longest-serving District Attorney, wrested the party's nomination from Los Angeles District Attorney Ira Reiner in a bitter primary race last month. He faces Republican Dan Lungren in November.

The candidate gained the support of the California National Organization for Women (NOW) by vigorously prosecuting cases dealing with sexual assault, by emphasizing the collection of child support payments and by establishing a domestic violence program which combines prosecution of offenders with counseling for victims. Smith has actively sought out gay and lesbian attorneys for the San Francisco District Attorney's staff. ■

Lesbians and gay men...together?

"Lesbians and Gay Men ... Together in the 90s?" will lead off the River City Democratic Club's Opinion Encounter Series at 6pm on Monday, August 13 at the Town House, 1517 21st St.

Four panelists will present perspectives on internalized homophobia in the lesbian/gay community and encourage discussion with the audience. Tickets, at $9 each, are available from the Lambda Center or from RCDC Executive Committee members.

A no-host bar will be open from 5 to 6pm, with hors d'oeuvres provided during the discussion. For information: Marghe Covino 371-3848 or Judy Ludwick, 429-2806. ■

CAP/PAC endorsement meeting scheduled

The California Capital Political Action Committee (CAP/PAC) invites members of the Sacramento area gay and lesbian community, and interested others, to participate in its endorsement meeting to be held from 10 am to 1 pm, Saturday, July 28 at the Lambda Community Center.

CAP/PAC will consider endorsement for several offices which will be on the General Election ballot November 6, 1990. These offices include: Governor, State Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner, and Representative in Congress from the 14th District.

CAP/PAC is the local equal gender, bipartisan political action committee, which endorses candidates and provides them with financial support.

Actual CAP/PAC endorsements are made by its board of directors following careful consideration of candidates' records and views as they relate to gay and lesbian issues. During the endorsement meeting, members of the public will be invited to ask questions and voice their opinions about the candidates. ■

Donald Disher and John Duran with Laurie McBride, the newly appointed director of the LIFE AIDS lobby.

LIFE names director

The Board of Directors of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) appointed Laurie McBride as executive director. McBride has been a leader in the fight against AIDS and for lesbian and gay rights in San Francisco for the past 10 years. Most recently she has served as co-chair of Mobilization Against AIDS, political action vice-president of the Stonewall Democratic Club, and on the Steering Committee of the Proposition "S" Domestic Partners Campaign.

During the early years of the AIDS epidemic, McBride monitored and lobbied state legislation before the community was able to establish a permanent presence in the State Capitol in the form of LIFE. She has also lobbied at the federal level for greater AIDS funding commitments and for early access to new drug treatments.

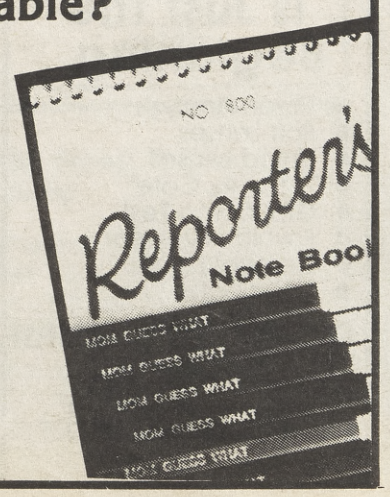
McBride's experience also includes running her own business which specialized in graphics and marketing.

McBride is LIFE's second executive director, succeeding Rand Martin who served as LIFE executive director/lobbyist since the organization's founding in June 1986. Martin is now a senior consultant to Los Angeles Assemblyman Terry Friedman. ■

Do you live in Stockton?
Can you write well?
Do you have a camera?
Are you dependable?

If you can answer yes to all these questions, we want **you** to be a part of our new Stockton section. We realize that Stockton is developing a gay community and we want to help.

So ... if you'd like to be part of a whole new part of **MGW,** call Jim Walker at (916) 441-NEWS or write or stop by **MGW** at 1725 L Street, Sac. CA 95814.



by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

Food workers at risk...

North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms' efforts to get fellow legislators to pass an amendment that would give employers the right to move people with HIV away from direct contact with food is so far proving unsuccessful. A House/Senate committee to resolved differences within the Americans with Disabilities Act voted to drop the language at this point. California Democratic Senator Alan Cranston voted against Helms on this. Health experts have continually derided this proposal, and it's expected it will not pass. Nonetheless, in these days of encouraging one another to speak out and get the support we need to fight HIV, let's take special care, as long a misinformation and prejudice surrounds us, to protect the jobs of our Sacramento waiters, cooks, and food workers by making sure their health status remains confidential. (Let's have no "outing" in Sacramento!)

Fear, bigotry keep doctors away...

A recent study of 1,045 young doctors doing their residency in 41 programs across the country showed that only 17 percent said they intended to include people with HIV in their practice. Most gave fear of infection as their reason, but many said "these people (gays and drug users) aren't worth my dealing with all this fear."

ACT-UP...

The newly formed ACT-UP Sacramento group met again recently to outline agenda items for future action. Don't miss upcoming whistle effort: men and women alike may want to very seriously consider keeping a whistle on their keychain or in their pocket. Let's spread the word — if you hear a whistle blowing late at night, someone's in trouble! Watch for ACT-UP's whistle table in front of Faces in the coming weeks! And how about avoiding both purchase and sale of Marlboro and Miller products since those companies have decided to provide thousands of dollars to support major bigot Helms' campaign! ACT-UP Sacramento is coordinating a letter-writing campaign to ask local businesses to stop carrying these products. Next ACT-UP meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 26. Come see what it's all about! Call 689-3318 for info.

And in the 90s...

At Willy Nelson's new Night Life Club in Houston, old-style cigarette girls walk around carrying trays on which breath mints, deodorants, and condoms are offered. (Way to go, Willy!)

Billing errors...

Several instances have recently been reported of huge bills coming to people from some of the local care facilities and from the county for pentamadine, pentamadine administration, and AZT. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to call and have your bill reviewed line by line. The response many people are getting is "Gee, you're right. The computer is acting funny again."

Thank you to Dr. Bary Siegel for his medical oversight of this column, and to Dr. Elizabeth Harrison for her continual contributions to its content. ■

Conference scientific results

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

Following is a summary of several of the hundreds of topics covered at the recent AIDS meetings in San Francisco (both the five-day International Conference and the two-day alternative treatments symposium). Other aspects of the conference, such as the feeling of solidarity between the physicians and people with AIDS who highlighted their needs and feelings through joint demonstrations against pharmaceutical companies for charging hundreds of dollars a month for desperately-needed medicines, or against the government for spending 30 times more on defense than health care will be covered in future articles. Dr. Neil Flynn will summarize meeting findings on Monday, July 16, 8pm at the UC Med Center.

Heat treatment therapy: This topic was covered at the Advanced Immune Discoveries Symposium by Dr. Kenneth Alonso from Atlanta Hospital in Georgia. Physicians performed the first known "total body hyperthermia" treatment on a person with Kaposi's Sarcoma and a T-helper cell count of five, using total body hyperthermia by way of a heat exchanger. Patient was completely anesthetized, his blood was run through a machine next to his body, completely circulating every three minutes for two hours. Patient's vital signs were carefully monitored during process to avoid brain damage. The machine heated the blood to 112 degrees, but by the time it returned to the body, it was about 108 degrees. Within 24 hours, patient's T-cell count was 105; after one month, it was 350; after three months, it went to 720, where it remains now, five months after the mid-February treatment. Within hours of treament, rectal, tongue and other KS lesions became very red, then disappeared after three days. Other skin lesions were gone within two weeks, and patient now tests HIV-negative. Dr. Alonso emphasized that in 40 people tested for possible treatment, it was determined that the treatment would have the opposite effect, and that the heat would make the KS lesions accelerate. Apparently only a few individuals will benefit from this treatment as relief for KS, but studies are now underway to test whether prolonged heat exposure has an inhibiting effect on HIV replication. Cost: $35,000.

Oral alpha interferon (very low dose, wafer): Planned lecture on this topic was cancelled.

Injected alpha interferon: Low dose (20 mu/day) alpha interferon given in combination with low-dose (six pills a day) AZT in people with AIDS-related KS is proving to be at least as efficient as previous therapy with high doses of interferon, said Dr. Nathan Clumeck from Brussels, Belgium. In 15 people tested since August 1988, average delay between KS diagnosis and necessary therapy was 215 days; a complete response was seen in one, partial response in 10, the disease stabilized in one, and three cases advanced. Thirteen of these people are still alive. Close monitoring is required to avoid bone marrow toxicity. Dr. Marcus Conant, founder of the University of Califoria AIDS Clinical Research Center in San Francisco and one of the founders of the S.F. AIDS Foundation, said that treatment with alpha interferon has thus far been "disappointing" in people with fewer than 400 T-cells. He said that in treating people with high T-cells for KS, there has been improvement or elimination of some, but not all, lesions. He said he disagrees with the Centers for Disease Control's categorization of KS as an AIDS diagnosis. He said he feels KS is an early-ARC symptom, and should be categorized with other ARC (AIDS-related complex) symptoms such as candida (thrush) in the mouth, early weight loss, and hairy leukoplakia.

AZT/DDC combination therapy: Preliminary studies are showing that a therapy combining and alternating treatments of AZT and DDC may reduce the typical side effects of each drug, and at the same time reduce the symptoms of AIDS, according to Stanford University Clincial Trials Group. Both drugs are in the same family (nucleoside analogs) that prevent the virus from reproducing. Different combinatins were tested; alternating AZT and higher doses of DDC every week or every month seemed to show an ability to sustain rises in T-cell counts and suppress p24 antigen levels. Alternating every month appears to have the best effect; one week on and one week off of either did not appear to be as effective as other combinations tested.

Salk vaccine: Under study since November 1987 to explore ways to control AIDS by trying to stimulate an immune response in people through innoculation, no harmful effects reported thus far in 19 people with ARC and 50 people without symptoms who've tried the drug. Future tests with FDA-approved placebo-controlled trials are planned to begin within the next several months.

Immune response: Andrew McMichael of Oxford Univesity in the United Kingdom spoke to the International Conference audience on his research of the long latent period between infection and the time when obvious symtoms of immunodeficiency appear (now thought to be up to 11 years). He said he feels the immune system can contain the HIV infection. While the virus is trying to destroy the immune system, the immune system is trying to eliminate the virus. Although the perception is that the virus wins the contest, the fact that the process is delayed for years suggests there is actually a balance between the two processes. As we learn more about the nature of the immune response to HIV, the better we will become at preventing its

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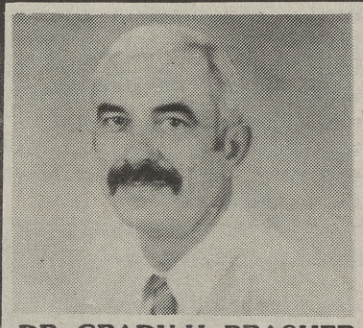

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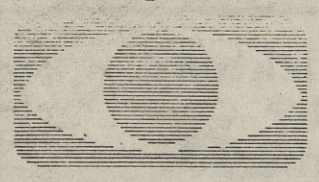

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rapidly gaining information about these responses, and new approaches are rapidly emerging that should be able to return some abnormalities to normal.

Compound Q: The antiviral drug, GLQ223 (trichosanthin; also called Q) warrants further study after initial tests at San Francisco General Hospital, says Dr. James Kahn of UC San Francisco. This study enrolled 10 people with AIDS and eight with ARC, with one eventually dropping out because of an infection. Each was given one rapid intravenous injection and tested both for tolerance to the drug and to see if the drug acted on the HIV in their blood. None were severely affected with the exception of one person who had a neurological reaction, and died 118 days after receiving Q. Co-researchers in this study include Drs. Larry Kaplan, Paul Volberding, and others. Similar trials by Project Inform berate the San Francisco General methods, saying decadron could have been given to combat the coma and death of the individual who reacted to Q. PI says they carefully screen every potential recipient for allergies to plants. Additionally they closely monitor people 10 days after receiving Q to see if a reaction is developing, plus they always have a physician on hand at every treatment in case of reaction. PI says disorientation and coma is much more likely in people with fewer than 50 T-helper cells, and in fact most treatment centers won't treat anyone with fewer than 100. They emphasize that Q is NOT a deathbed drug; it's very toxic. They suggest low-dose interferon as the best bet for the severely ill. PI administers three doses of Q, a week apart, in a three-hour period, then every two months thereafter, using 25 micrograms per kilogram of body weight (mcgs) while San Francisco General administers 36 mcgs, resulting in a higher incidence of side effects such as fevers and headaches. PI feels Q should be administered with AZT so that unaffected cells can be protected by AZT at the same time that affected cells are being treated with Q. They say Q is a control treatment, not a cure, and that treatment and monitoring most likely will have to occur every two months for life. They encourage treatment as soon as diagnosed HIV positive. Project Inform cost: $200 to $1000 per infusion; San Francisco General cost: $250 plus bloodwork.

AZT toxicity: Dr. Vincent Gallichio of the University of Kentucky said studies he's doing show that the toxicity produced by AZT, causing anemia (red blood cell deficiency), neutropenia (low white blood count due to drug toxicity), and overall bone marrow suppression, can be reversed with interleukin-1 and interleukin-6, agents in the body responsible for the growth and regulation of normal blood cells. He says tests are showing that IL-1 and IL-6, as well as the use of lithium, can protect stem cells from AZT toxicity.

AZT: Dr. Margaret Fischl of the University of Miami Medical School says studies continue to show that low-dose AZT (five pills) administered early in infection (about 500 T-cells) prolongs the disease-free interval and delays progression of the disease. Toxicities (reactions to the drug) are minimal with earlier use. She said the new dosage is based on a year-long study by Dr. Paul Volberding of San Francisco General Hospital which showed that, after a year, people receiving 550 milligrams a day (five-and-one-half pills) were as healthy a those receiving 15 pills a day. After 12 months of receiving either the high dose or the low dose, all 451 people in the test have now been offered the low-dose regimen. Dr. Volberding notes, however, that since the ultimate impact of early therapy on survival is not known (that is, since not enough years have passed to discover the effect on a person's body of taking AZT for, say, 10 to 15 years), it may be more beneficial to a person who has fewer than 500 T-cells, but whose health is stable, to further delay taking AZT. He agrees with Fischl, however, that thus far toxicity levels (side effects) seem less with early intervention. They suggested that ultimately the final dosage of AZT may prove to be three pills per day.

Gancyclovir: A Mexican test on Gancyclovir may open the way for new uses in this country. Currently, it's approved in the U.S. only for treatment of CMV retinitis. A Mexican study on 23 people with CMV (18 with retinitis, and five with colitis) showed that after two weeks 83 percent of the retinitis cases showed improvement; more dramatically, however, gastrointestinal symptoms disappeared in all five people with colitis.

New HIV test: A Berkeley clinical laboratory presented results at the conference that show a new diagnostic test for HIV can accurately detect HIV antibodies in unconcentrated urine. (All FDA-licensed HIV diagnostics are designed to test blood for HIV.) Tests so far are so accurate, says the lab, they suggest that the urine test may be an accurate alternative to blood testing in the future. This method is attractive because of the lower probability of infectious virus in urine, and because there would be no need for special blood-drawing personnel or equipment. There's also the possibility that the virus might show up earlier in urine than in blood. (Note: Civil liberties activists are expressing concern that use of urine screening might affect insurance applications of people with HIV.)

Alternative treatments: The "advanced discoveries" symposium held a two-day workshop, where natural therapies such as total body hyperthermia, or heat treatment (see above discussion), thymic hormone injections, peptide-T, aloe vera, herbal treatments, holistic activism, compound Q (see above discussion), self-healing, ascorbate therapy, bioelectromagnetic energy fields, and other non-medical treatments were discussed. A panel of nine individuals who have remained healthy using these remedies addressed the audience. Some mixed these natural philosophies with standard medical treatment, others did not. Nearly all presentations concluded with the fact that these therapies resulted in an increase in T-cell counts as well as control of symptoms such as diarrhea, night sweats, fatigue, weight loss, etc. "Is AIDS the mysterious, infectious, fatal, and communicable disease that the medical establishment and media would have us believe?" their brochure asks. "Not according to the scores of scientists and medical doctors quoted in this series of talks and lectures," they respond. One speaker went so far as to say that he had never seen a single study that showed the disease could be controlled or prevented by use of condoms, and said he saw no reason to encourage their use. During the discussion period that followed this presentation, one audience member from ACT-UP said he felt that, even though a person is entitled to his opinion, it was a great and monstrous disservice to the audience — especially people coming there early-on in their information-gathering process — to publicly give out this kind of misinformation about condom use. The responder mentioned that numerous studies had indeed been done that show that condoms together with spermicides can prevent the spread of AIDS. ■

by Jim Czalowski, D.V.M.
OF MGW STAFF

In the wake of the Bay Area earthquake, volunteers and staff members of San Francisco's animal shelters and humane society organizations banded together with statewide animal welfare groups to supply both small and large animals with emergency shelter, food, water and medical care. Surprisingly the need for aid continues, especially for the care of horses and livestock. These organizations need further funds to facilitate repair of buildings and aid in feeding and transportation of animals. To assist them in helping these animals, please contact the San Francisco SPCA 2600 16th St., S.F., 94103; (415) 554-3000; or Santa Cruz SPCA, 2200 7th Ave., S.C., 95062; (408) 475-6454.

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An empty bed

by Matthew Kennedy
OF MGW STAFF

An Empty Bed is a short and melancholy movie about compromises. The central character happens to be an elderly gay man, but his age and particularly his sexuality are incidental to the movie's somber and cautionary message.

Bill Frayne is a lonely man living in a Greenwich Village apartment. He retired early due to health problems, and spends his days wandering the streets, sitting in restaurants, or watching television. The movie covers one day, but there are bittersweet memory flashbacks throughout. He recalls, through the window in a restaurant or in the smell of a flower, days with a young girlfriend or romance and violence with boyfriends. Slowly revealed are the moments of his life that led to his alienation. Profound tiredness is etched in his worn face; he lives a life of unrelenting boredom and desperation. He is defeated.

Bill has never made a real commitment of intimacy, and in his last years the price of such emotional constriction weighs heavily upon him. Twice in this one day Bill is faced with his long ago decisions: once in a chance encounter with his former girlfriend and again in a phone conversation with Peter, his former boyfriend who is long since married. Still, for all his regret, Bill cannot imagine his life happening in any other way.

Writer-director-producer Mark Gasper has an uncanny ability to capture what the eye sees that may or may not advance the spare story. An extinguished cigarette, a TV dinner sliding into the stove, the back end of a jogger as he goes past Bill — these are moments caught by the eye but rarely recorded by a camera. Less evocative is the portrayal of historic time in various scenes. The movie goes back as far as the 1940s, but there is little that provides a sense of eras passing.

The performance by John Wylie is subtle and fine; he brings Bill's torment to life. Mark Clifford Smith plays the young Bill with appropriate tentativeness. Dorothy Stinnette has a brief but critical role as the long ago girlfriend in the present day. Her love for Bill reflects her own compromises and regrets and Ms. Stinnette's performance suggests that another movie could be told about *her* life decisions.

The occasionally melodramatic dialogue does not help the capable actors. Too often the lines sound like benchmarks that tell the audience what to think or feel rather than spontaneous spoken words.

An Empty Bed is a somber character study with eerie insight into the mind of a troubled man. Nothing is possible without self-knowledge. Life is barren if self-denial is allowed to take over. Without love, or honesty, or courage, life is wasted.

An Empty Bed has played in many international film festivals. It was produced by Mr. Gasper and Victoria Larimore under the auspices of The Yankee-Oriole Company. It is available for purchase on VHS and BETA videotape, $59.99 plus $3 postage and handling, through The Yankee-Oriole Company, 21-13 33rd Ave, Astoria, NY 11106, (718) 721-0724.■

Looks can be deceiving

by Matthew Kennedy
OF MGW STAFF

Does the world need another movie about infidelity? Perhaps, but *Too Beautiful For You (Trop Belle Pour Toi),* a new subtitled French movie written and directed by Bertrand Blier, is not it.

A scene from Bertrand Blier's "Too Beautiful for You," playing at Tower Theatre. Photo courtesy Orion

Gerard Depardieu (are there any other French male film stars available for export?) plays Bernard, a successful garage owner who falls in love and has an affair with his temporary secretary Collette (Josaine Balasko). Complicating matters is his marriage to the beautiful Florence (Carole Bouquet), the mother of his two children. Fate has played a nasty joke: he is married to a woman of physical perfection but is erotically drawn to the blowsy Collette. The tables turn and Florence, the beautiful one, turns harpy as she stalks Bernard and Collette during their illicit trysts. Scenes of fantasy and reality are interwoven until the abrupt and unsatisfying conclusion.

The movie asks, over and over again, this insulting and mundane question: why does Bernard love Collette when he has a gorgeous wife who loves him? (The movie never asks why either woman would bother with a indecisive cad like Bernard. He's no great catch.) *Too Beautiful For You* makes light of Bernard's upside-down universe where his wife should be mistress and his mistress should be his wife. The many references to Collette's supposed lack of charm just don't hold up; she is warm and richly sensual. Still, the implication is that her looks make her less worthy of love than either Florence or Bernard. The premise assumes the audience believes love to be one-dimensional and based on social ideals of beauty. I wanted this movie to go beyond this modest idea and reveal some deeper insights, but that was not to be. The great revelation is this: a woman who loves is loved and beauty is only skin deep. I needed 91 minutes to learn that.

The actors who play Bernard and Florence's haughty friends show real comic possibilities, but they are robbed of ample screen time. The leading characters are just plain dull, neither well written or well played. Only Balàsko shows occasional engaging moments. Depardieu lacks the fire he showed most recently in *Camille Claudel.* None of these people have the quirky and funny nuances of the quartet in *sex, lies, and videotape,* last year's satisfying movie on modern love.

Too Beautiful For You is more accurately a loose and truncated interpretation of *Cyrano de Bergerac,* Edmond Rostand's great 19th century play about valor, beauty and sacrifice. *Cyrano* and its timeless poetry soar, while Too Beautiful For You sinks. Even the lovely strains of Franz Schubert, heard throughout to represent Bernard's torment, cannot carry the burden of these labored proceedings.

Blier's intent is unclear. Is this an indictment or endorsement of society's double standards for men and women? Whatever the answer, perhpas the project was ill-fated from the start, built on an idea as flimsy as a house of cards.■

Winesong! Coming in October

by Maria Albin
OF MGW STAFF

It's time to be planning a weekend getaway to the Mendocino Coast. One of the most relaxing annual events along the north coast is Winesong!

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Jewish Conference

Congregation Tikvah Chadashah, Puget Sound's gay and lesbian Jewish congregation, will sponsor the 1990 Western Regional Conference of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations on Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11.

Registration, including two meals, is $60. Registration materials; Congregation Tikvah Chadashah, Box 2731 Seattle, WA 98111, or by calling (206) 329-2590.■

MGW PALATE

It's okay not to like opera

reviewed by Maggie Melton
OF MGW STAFF

Max's Opera Cafe, 1725 Arden Way (in Arden Fair, next to Thrifty), 553-2489 for information tape on hours and specials.

What a nice surprise! Max's was everything in a restaurant that I hoped it would be. The decor is classy and fun; the service is friendly and very good in the restaurant, friendly and a tad disorganized in the bar; and the food is superb! We had mushrooms stuffed with pesto and cheese and served with french bread as an appetizer. The folks next to us had nachos which had everything on them, including artichoke hearts, and proclaimed them "enough for an army."

For dinner, our party had Linguini with Roma tomatoes and capers; a Grilled Chicken sandwich; and the Philly Cheesesteak sandwich. The sandwiches were enormous and served with specially seasoned fries and the linguini was "the best I've ever eaten!" The menu was accompanied by an excellent wine list and we enjoyed the Freemark Abbey Johannisberg Riesling. We finished up with Bread Pudding and a Macaroon Sundae. (Even the takeout containers are classy.)

As if all this were not enough, there's entertainment too. A very accomplished pianist plays a variety of music in the Cafe and all the waiters and waitresses take their turns at the microphones as their tables are settled. The atmosphere is so good that you will want to allow yourself a couple of hours. This is not just a meal. It's a dining experience. When you make your reservations (it's recommended for dinner), specify if you want to be near the entertainment. Not all tables in the Cafe have visual access to the entertainers, although the sound is good everywhere.

We're definitely going back, so I'll see you there.■

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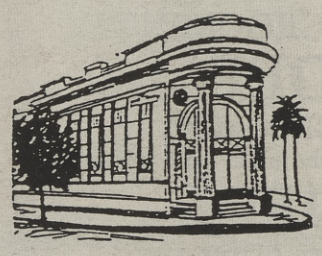

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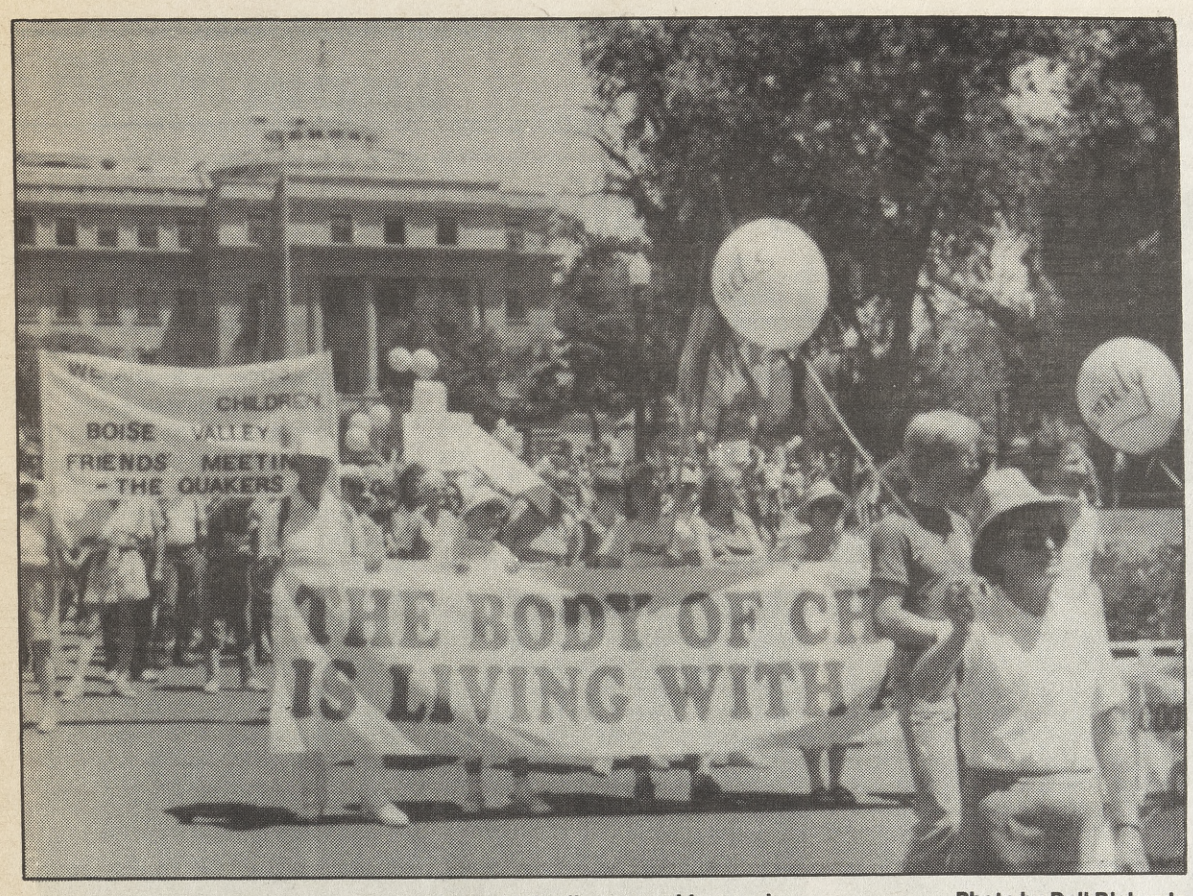

Boise, Idaho first gay pride parade. **Photo by Dell Richards**

Gay pride a first in Idaho

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Boise, Idaho — After seven months of organizing, Boise political activists did the impossible — pulled off the first gay parade in Idaho.

Despite initial fears in the gay community that marchers would wear paper bags on their heads to hide their faces and public predictions that people would be shot if they attempted to exercise their civil rights, an estimated 350 men and women marched on June 23 down the main streets of Boise proudly carrying signs and banners to mark the beginning of the fight for gay and lesbian rights in this conservative Rocky Mountain state.

"The march exceeded our wildest dreams," said Ann Dunkin, chair of Your Family, Friends and Neighbors (YFFN), the group that organized the day's events.

For months, activists such as Dunkin worried that the gay community was too closeted for a public display of pride to come off.

Boise has a long history of intolerance toward minorities.

For the past 35 years, the gay community has been haunted by the witchhunt known as the "Boys of Boise."

In October, 1955, three men were arrested on moral charges. During the next few days, the local paper reported that more than 100 boys were involved in a homosexual ring.

Although the story wasn't true, the townspeople went wild.

Before the hysteria died down, 16 men were arrested — including one man who was taken into custody in San Francisco and brought back to Boise for trial.

In addition, another 1,500 people were investigated. Others fled the state rather than have their lives ruined.

Saturday's parade put an end to that era even though approximately 100 counter-demonstrators — carrying signs such as "Down with Gays" — lined the streets in protest.

But the massive number of gays who were unafraid to show their faces in public — and the obvious support of Boise's liberal heterosexual community — stunned even the angriest protestor into awed silence.

Many non-gay political organizations — such as the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Organization for Women, the Boise Coalition for Peace in Central America and the Rainbow Coalition — swelled the number of participants.

"I would guess about a third of the marchers were not gay," said Edie Kilpatrick, treasurer of YFFN.

Local church organizations — from a Friends (Quaker) group to the Disciples of Christ to the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) — also lent an air of respectability to the parade in this intensely religious community.

"I believe that if Jesus were here today, he would be right in the middle of the AIDS wards," said Carol Blakley, a retired mother of a gay man who is HIV negative.

Like many of the parade participants, Blakley has been fighting a lone battle for the acceptance of gays at her church since 1977.

Blakley and her husband, Ron, carried one of the many banners with references to God and Christ.

Jodi Mekkers, pastor of the local MCC church, opened the gathering at the Capitol steps — and closed the rally that followed — with a prayer.

Peri Jude Radecic, legislative director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, flew in for the event.

She not only brought greetings from cities across the nation but stressed that history was being made.

"People across the country are cheering you on — and watching you," said Radecic, who also spoke at the rally about the need for rural activism in the national fight for gay rights.

After a two-hour trek across town in the 95 degree heat, marchers were treated to songs by Houston activist Carolyn Mobley, the comic duo Romanovsky and Phillips, and Olivia recording artist Teresa Trull. ■

LAWSUIT

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MGW has received several complaints from readers that a current KWOD disc jockey has made a homophobic statement. On Friday, June 29, 1990, in a conversation about country singer k.d. lang with another station personality, Pat Still reportedly said "You don't see men with women at her concerts." Station management told *MGW* they would talk to Still about the statement, but did not apologize. ■

WARFORD

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barely on his side; the jury's final report was released the day of his funeral.

Tim made the most of every minute of time throughout his entire life. He served as development director of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation in its early days, he was a director of the California Association of AIDS Agencies, he helped bring the STOP AIDS Project to Sacramento, he served on the Sacramento County AIDS Task Force, and he cherished every moment with his partner, Steve Dane.

"This virus has made Steve and me look at reality," he once said. "We've learned to sincerely appreciate each other, and our time together is all high-quality time. We realize now that time is finite and precious. Sometimes I'll hear songs that remind me of where I am in life. Bette Midler's version of *Wind Beneath My Wings* reminds me of my relationship with Steve, because his support has allowed me to reach heights and conquer vistas that I never thought I could attain."

This song was sung at Tim's memorial service, a tribute not only to Steve, but to the way Tim made others feel about themselves. Tim had the ability to make people believe in themselves and go forward with ideas. A highly political and dedicated force in his quiet but effective manner, he was a key player in Sacramento in the early days of the epidemic, and continued working those four T-cells he'd had most of this past year to the maximum.

The legacy he'd like to leave behind, he once said, is to see all gay men begin to accept themselves and believe in their own true worth. "Gay men with high levels of self-esteem are more likely to maintain healthy attitudes and whip this disease," he said. "More and more, a person is made to feel awkward if he doesn't want to wear a condom! This is great and is the key to getting this virus out of our community." He never stopped trying to get this point across, creating programs such as STOP AIDS and Being Alive to get the information to Sacramento gays and lesbians that unsafe sex is now totally out of step with society and our community in particular.

Tim Warford left an enduring mark on this city and those who knew him. He was loved much and will be missed.

He's survived by his parents, Ronald and Obera Warford, brothers Tom and Terry, sisters Shirley Anderson and Sandy Van Horn, and his loving partner Steve. His final resting place is the Rose Garden at Sacramento Memorial Lawn. Thank you, Tim; we'll see you soon. ■

MGW HAPPENINGS

Walking is good for the heart

The Sacramento AIDS Foundation is looking for people to walk 5, 10, 15, 20 or 100 miles for AIDS.

Last year, Nancy Nystrom, a Sacramento native initiated the first 100 mile walk to benefit the Sacramento AIDS Foundation She and a handful of friends raised over $13,000 by walking 100 miles from Folsom Lake to Hope Valley in the Eastern Sierra.

On August 25, the same day the century walk begins, you can participate in a one-day walk starting at the Sunrise Access on the American River bike trail.

The Century Walk will begin at 6:30am in Folsom on August 25 and will arrive in Hope Valley on Friday, August 31. The 20-mile walk will begin at 8:30am at the Sunrise access to the American River Bike Trail, and end in Discovery Park at 6pm that day. ■

CARES receives $20,000 gift from Burroughs Wellcome

The Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services — Sacramento, CARES, has received a $20,000 gift from the Burroughs Wellcome Co., manufacturer of the AIDS drug zidovudine (AZT).

The North Carolina-based drug manufacturer's gift will be used to augment medical services at the community clinic beginning as soon as possible, said Sue Rooney, CARES administrator. "This generous gift from Burroughs Wellcome will allow us to augment medical services to better serve our clients," said Rooney.

The $20,000 gift was the first by Burroughs Wellcome or any other drug company to CARES. ■

Health conference scheduled for July 18-22

WASHINGTON, DC — The largest annual conference concerning lesbian and gay health issues is expected to draw over 2000 attendees when the 12th National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and 8th National AIDS Forum convenes in Washington, DC, July 18-22.

This year's conference will feature more than 300 presentations dealing with such issues as: Substance Abuse, Lesbian Health Care, Holistic/Alternative Therapies, Mental Health and Lesbian and Gay Youth Issues. The AIDS Forum will be divided into Medical, Educational and Psychosocial tracks. ■

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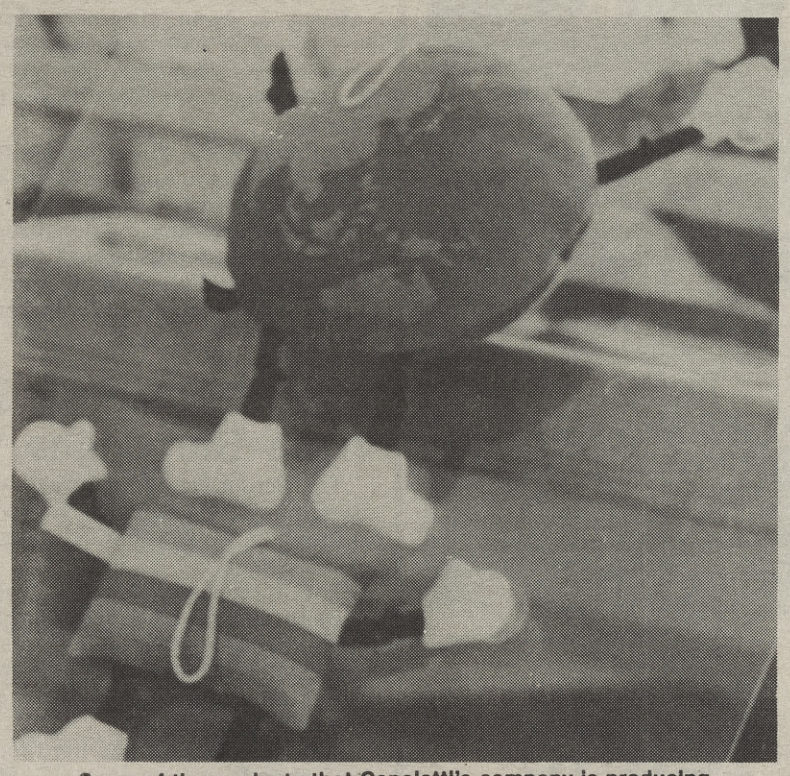
Funny Creek Toy Company means quality

by Maria Albin
OF MGW STAFF

Even the name of this tiny company in Rescue, California tickles your fancy. When I walked into the company headquarters (for now, the home of founders Tom Capaletti and Robert Adams) I swear I saw an energy field swirling around the living room. There was bright, rainbow-like color; infectious laughter echoing a joy for living, and an almost unbelievable creative talent centered in that room.

Tom and Robert, gay partners in the business formally known as the 121 ° West Corp, and soon to be well-known as the Funny Creek Toy Co. are getting ready to make the world a different place. They are the creators/designers, distributors of environment-friendly 'fun stuff,' as they refer to their many products and ideas. Actually, the creatures and creations who belong to the Funny Creek Gang are hardly a casual whim as the term 'fun stuff' might indicate. These two men analyzed their own interests, combined them with what's happening around us globally, added their immense talents and created a worldwide need for their products. Now they face the challenge of trying to fill the increasing whirlwind of demand.



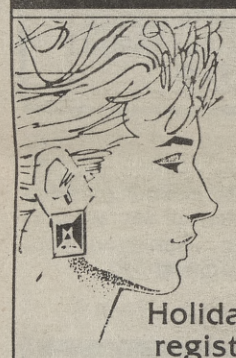
Some of the products that Capaletti's company is producing.
Photo by Maria Albin

To understand the products you first need to meet the "Funny Creek Gang." There's 'The Planet Earth Thing' or 'Earthy' for short. There's 'Dave the Wave,' who's concerned about the care of our oceans. There's 'Cactus Jack,' who's looking out for the desert and its creatures. There's Loony Moony, who's not sure just what to be concerned about yet. There's a sun, a raindrop, a cloud, a tree and all of these creations hang out in Funny Creek and drive around in solar-powered vehicles. While negotiations are continuing for a comic-strip based on this terrific group, some of them already have their own T-shirts and tank tops, and some, like 'Earthy' have been reproduced as a great cuddly toy to give friends, children or yourself. It can be stuck on a window at home or in your car. It can go to work with you or sit in your favorite chair. There are also stick-on American flags, and rainbow flags, and every creation is made with lead-free paints.

Tom Capaletti says he's always been a staunch environmentalist. It's easy to feel that caring for the earth when talking with Tom. He delights in his ideas, his designs, the thought of being able to meld those talents with a cause he holds dear. He's also quick to point out if he and Robert are successful, they will have found the employment ideal for gays; being able to relax, be yourself, be your own boss and enjoy your work.

Right now Funny Creek Co. products are available at Mr. Mopps in Berkeley and in some stores in the Bay Area and East Coast. Tom and Robert promise their creations will soon be in the Sacramento area. For now, you can order items by mail. If you'll drop Tom and Robert a line at 121° West Corp, Box 141, Rescue, CA 95672, they'll be glad to send you a mail order form with a description sheet, which includes drawings of products available. In keeping with their environmental dedication, 7 to 10 percent of the net profit from sales goes to several non-profit groups, including Greenpeace, Environmental Defense Fund and the Nature Conservancy. ■

Tom Capaletti Photo by Maria Albin



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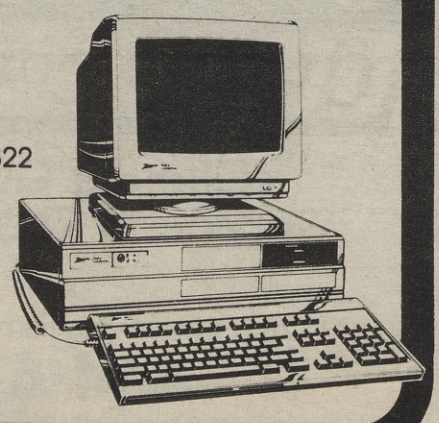

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Randall Hartley: new business venture

Helping students qualify for student aid programs

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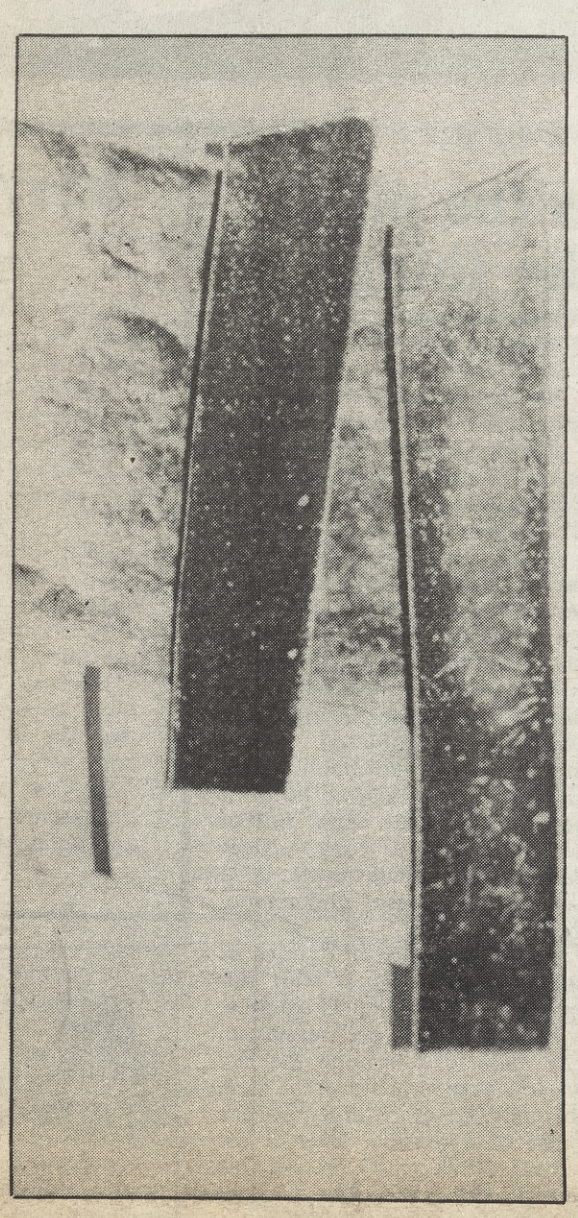
College Student Financial Sources offers a computer service which prepares a custom-made outline informing each student of what she/he needs to do to qualify for student aid.

According to the company's spokesman, Randall Hartley, students complete a short background questionnaire that asks about their income, expenses, academic abilities, and a list of the schools that they are considering attending. This information is entered into a computer that analyzes each student's particular circumstances and prepares a 40-page report, guiding the student through the steps that they need to take to complete state and federal student aid applications in a manner that will insure the best chance of receiving an award.Included in the report is a complete printout of the special campus-based student aid programs available at each school, nationwide, the student chooses and the steps necessary to apply for each of these programs. Hartley's new business is located at 700 22nd Street in Sacramento. ■

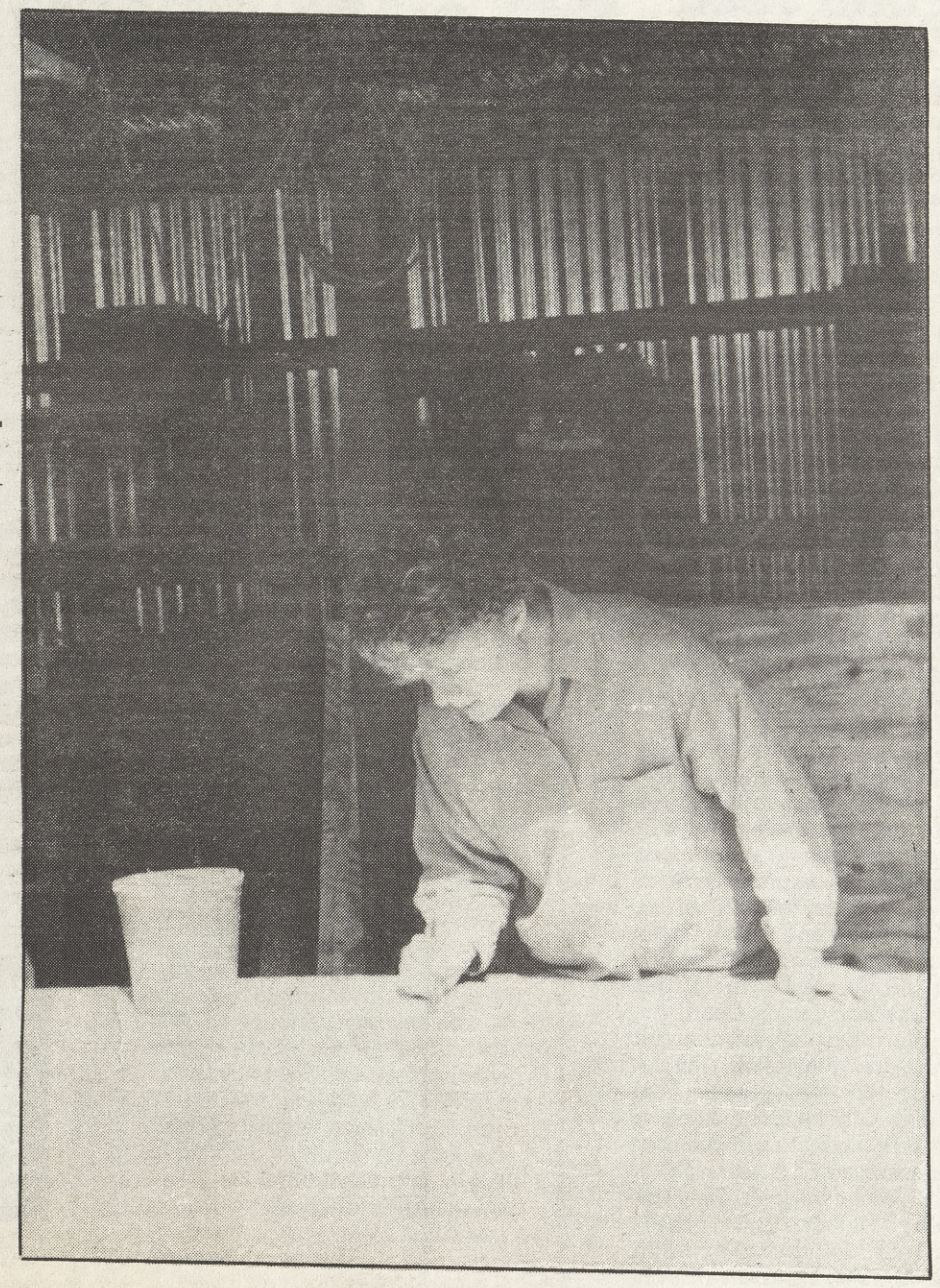
Chris Kubi, Artist

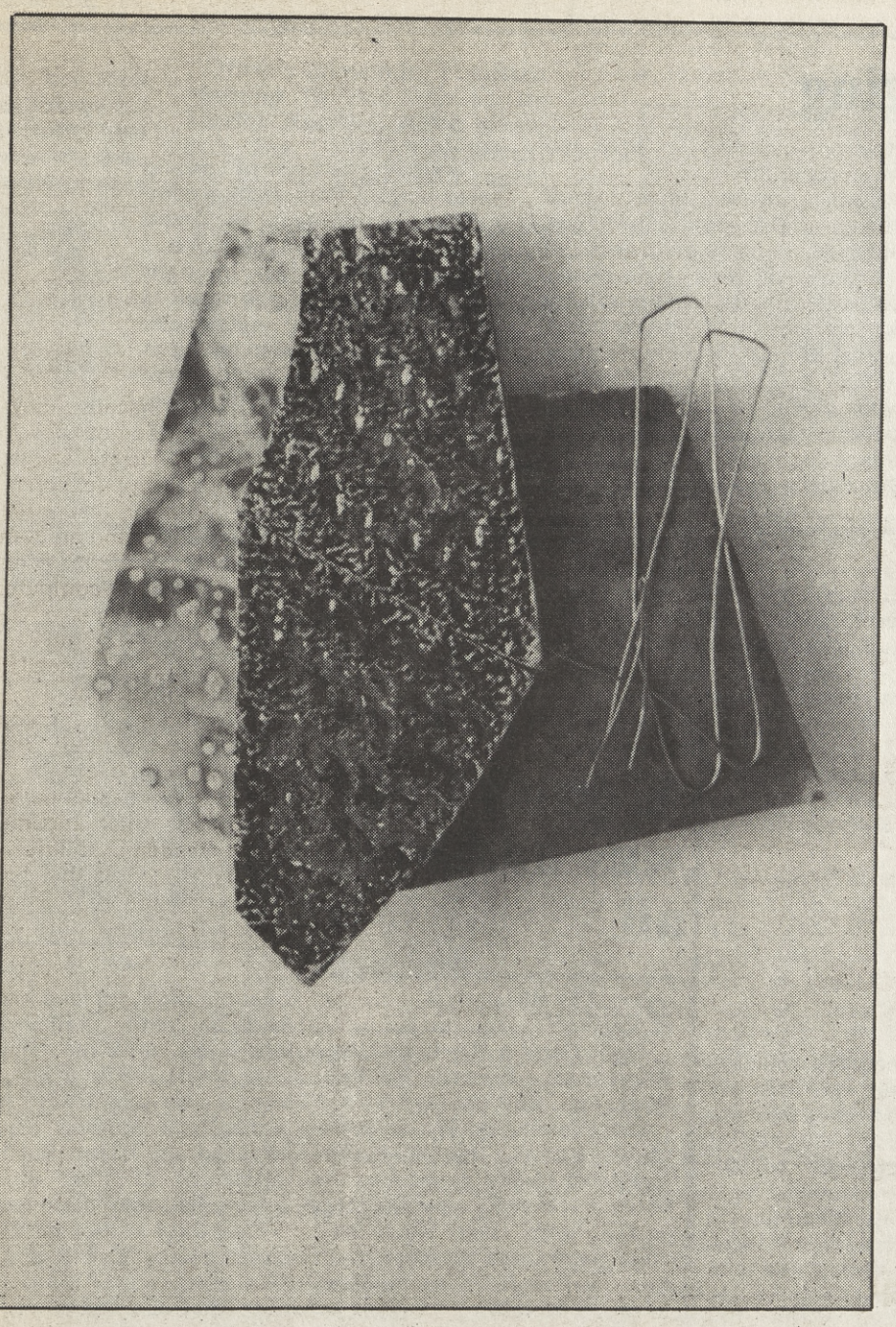


by Lisa Meeker
OF MGW STAFF

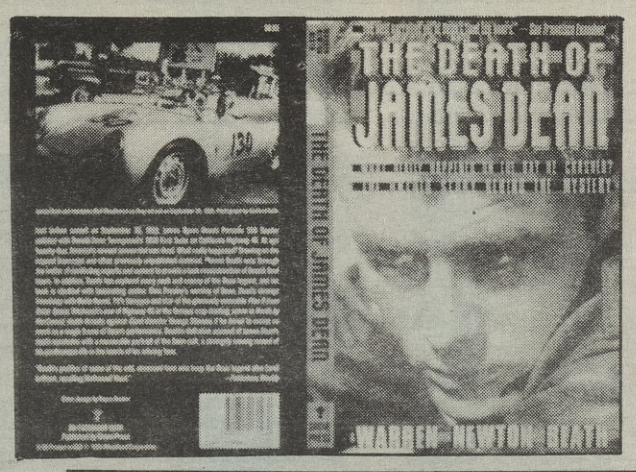
Chris Kubi, who began her career creating mugs and plantholders, will be in Sacramento at the Accurate Art Gallery in October. Her ceramic/mixed medium works have an environmental focus, and cover topics including rainforest destruction in Brazil and California ecological issues.

Her first ecological piece, "Death in Brazil," is done with flat ceramic pieces and rusted saw blades. Other works includes "A Study in Black and White," and "Choices," two parts of a yet untitled series.





No secrets revealed but a good read anyway



reviewed by Maggie Melton
OF MGW STAFF

***The Death of James Dean*, by Warren Newton Beath, Grove Press, 200 pages, $8.95.**

Warren Beath has amassed an unbelievable amount of research from books, magazine and newspaper articles, and personal interviews. He promises us the *truth* about the last days and death of James Dean. What he delivers is the fact that Dean was killed in a head-on crash between his Porsche Spyder and a Ford at the intersection of Highways 41 and 46 on September 30, 1955. He was not alone and we are shown that he was cited for speeding approximately two hours before his death. It appears that the truth is what we have always believed it to be. There are no secrets.

This is not to say that this book is a hoax or a throwaway. It is not. Beath gives us as many tidbits of information about Dean as it is possible to know. We learn that he was eager to experience all of life, was a very talented artist, loved speed, and was preoccupied with his own death.

For me, the real focus of this book was not James Dean, the actor, but James Dean, the cult figure. After his death, the interest in him was greater than ever and fully half the book is devoted to the stories of two men who were 3 and 17 years old at the time of the tragedy. They risk their friendships, their livelihoods, and their families in their compulsive pursuit of ever more souvenirs and reminiscences. Somewhere, James Dean is as puzzled and confounded by the celebrity of his death as he was introspective and fatalistic about his life. ■

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The cost of truth

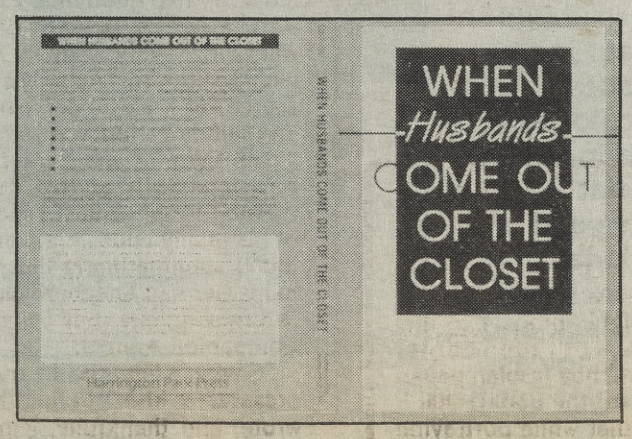
reviewed by Walter Gorski
OF MGW STAFF

***When Husbands Come Out of the Closet* by Jean Schaar Gochros, Ph.D; Harrington Park Press, Binghamton, NY 13904.**

Alfred Kinsey, the famous sex researcher, found that sexuality existed along a continuum — some people are exclusively homo- or hetero- sexual; others have occasional opposite sexual experience; still others spend significant intimate time with both sexes.

Jean Gochros, a social worker and sex therapist, has worked with both the husbands and the wives in marriages where the husband is gay or bisexual. These relationships are described in a sensitive and non-moralizing way, their benefits and pitfalls laid out.

Seekers will find answers and suggestions with kind and careful guidelines. Some will regard this book as a godsend, which perhaps it is. And in addition to being reviewed here, it might be advertised on billboards. ■



Is the play the thing?

reviewed by Walter R. Gorski
OF MGW STAFF

***Harvey Fierstein's Safe Sex*, Atheneum, 112 pages, $8.95.**

***Untold Decades: Seven Comedies of Gay Romance*, by Robert Patrick, St. Martin's, 212 pages, $16.95.**

Harvey Fierstein's Safe Sex is a set of three interlocking, yet separate plays, not unlike his great *Torch Song Trilogy*. Here, his theme is living in the age of AIDS. Readers expecting Harvey's wit and cutting edge won't be disappointed. If you missed the HBO special film *Tidy Endings*, you'll find it in print here. It's a great work, full of sound and fury that demonstrates that there is a peace which passes understanding.

Untold Decades is a series of seven one-act plays, with different settings and characters, which shows the progression of gay male love through the last seven decades. It's a great idea, this putting of a finger on the pulse of a decade. Even if the author occasionally misses, his aim is true. He's got us; get this. ■

A must

reviewed by Maria All
OF MGW STAFF

***Cosmopolis: Un* by Women, edit Rieder, Cleis Press paper $9.95, cloth**

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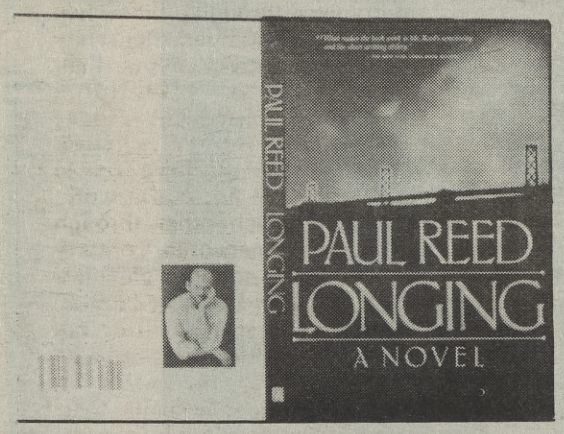


Too much longing

reviewed by Maggie Melton
OF MGW STAFF

***Longing*, by Paul Reed, Celestial Arts, 175 pages, $7.95.**

Set against the lovely background of foggy San Francisco, *Longing* is the story of a young man from a small town who leaves college and a meaningless existence there, to move to the big city where he can stop living a lie. His is a very introspective search for love and meaning in life.

Longing misses its very good chance to give some value to gay life today. It completely skirts all the issues of responsible sexual behavior. The advance publicity for this book indicates that this is a story of what happened to emotional and physical freedom when the cruel fact of disease became recognized. I found that this must have been what the publisher's reviewer had in mind, not the author.

The main character of *Longing* saves himself from serious commitment by waiting for the Grand Passion of his life ... his Love ... only to find that when "the right one" comes along, the result is neither grand nor passionate. This is a story where taking is easier than giving and where physical beauty counts more than integrity. I'm sorry, Mr. Reed, I was disappointed. ■

Will he call?

reviewed by Peg Wolf
OF MGW STAFF

***Horse Crazy*, a novel by Gary Indiana, Grove Press, N.Y. 1989.**

Gary Indiana's novel brings one into the dingy pain and despair of gay Manhattan. This is an intellectual and brooding book of obsession. It may seem all too familiar to those who find themselves addicted to relationships. The protagonist in this stream of consciousness tale falls in love with Gregory's beautiful face and body. But Gregory has a shady past of heroin addiction, time in a mental hospital, staying with sugar daddies, and bisexuality. Now he is a waiter who steals from the till, trying to work on his art. He is verbally romantic, but refuses to be sexual. He says, "You just want my body." The hero says, "No, it's more." And this first lie leads to getting in deeper with a disturbed, depressed, irresponsible and manipulative young man. Gregory calls and says he'll be here, but keeps the hero waiting or doesn't show. There are no accusations or confrontations for these might mean the total loss of Gregory. The hero's constant thoughts are of Gregory. Where is he? What is he doing? Who is he with? Is he all right? Will he call? Is he with a woman? His boyfriend? Doing heroin? Questions never put to Gregory.

In his lucid moments with friends, he complains of the relationship and admits that it is a ruin. But knowledge doesn't lead to change.

Denial is a theme throughout. Everyone is concerned with appearances, so true emotions are not revealed. As friends become ill with AIDS, people stop asking about them. Better not to talk about someone, assuming he is alive, to be his best friend then to be told he died three months ago. Equally embarrassing, assume someone has died, only to see him at the bar.

Life in the lower East side is seen as constant stimulation, but no contact. ■

A good time was had by all

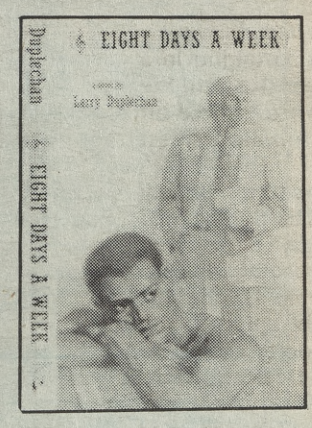
reviewed by Mik Martens
OF MGW STAFF

***Eight Days a Week*, by Larry Duplechan, Alyson Publications, Inc., 260 pages, $6.95.**

Larry Duplechan is that rarest of all writers. He's a master storyteller. A few pages into the book, I realized I could almost *hear* Johnny Ray Rousseau's voice, telling me his story as if I were his friend. (I'd be delighted to be his friend.)

Johnny Ray is gay and he's black. He's a secretary during the day (to feed his body), and a singer at night (to feed his soul). And he really believes that blonds *are* more fun. The main love of his life is a tall, blond banker who might have been a professional football player, if he'd had any talent. But Keith's talents lie in other areas, as Johnny Ray soon discovers.

Eight Days a Week is billed as a gay love story. It's that and more. It's a celebration of life as Johnny Ray lives every moment of every day. It's sex, glorious and plentiful and graphic. And it's great fun! See for yourself. ■



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A must read

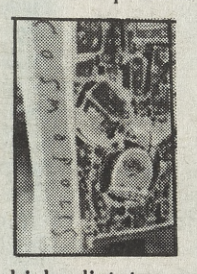
eviewed by Marla Albin
OF MGW STAFF

***Cosmopolis: Urban Stories by Women*, edited by Ines Rieder, Cleis Press, July 1990; paper $9.95, cloth $24.95.**

If I had to restrict this review to one line it would be: Your life as a humanist/feminist won't be complete if you don't include this book in your reading.

We all have become increasingly aware of our place in a truly global community. This book cements our connections to a global sisterhood, bringing together a fiction anthology which captures moments from the lives of women on six continents. This anthology is relevant, purposeful, wry, witty, simple, sensual, earthy, ethereal ... and sometimes that's just in one story.

In Damascus, we venture forth as a young woman makes her first visit to the ancient women's baths, accompanied by her grandmother. The older woman makes an astonishing change from the worn-out object of scorn her granddaughter knows at home, to a revered wise woman within the walls of the bath. In Vienna, a toilet attendant at a tourist stop reveals with great insight and wit the political condi-



tions which dictate and frame people's habits. In Beirut, a housekeeper stands guard against the nightly gun fire, dispensing Valium and liquor to those who gather at her home after dark.

Ines Rieder was born in Vienna in 1954. She is a translator, editor and journalist, most recently acclaimed for her editing of *AIDS: The Women* in 1988. She's currently working on a timely book about women in Eastern Europe, due out in 1991.

Rieder says she edited *Cosmopolis* as an inspiration to women "not only to look out their windows or to peek into their neighbors' yards, but to open their doors and step out into the streets of the cities...' I'm going even further. I'm going out into those streets to dance with my sisters. ■

Father's Daze

reviewed by Walter R. Gorski
OF MGW STAFF

***Ackerly, a Life of J.R. Ackerly* by Peter Parker. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, $25.**

***The Letters of John Cheever*, edited by Benjamin Cheever. Simon & Schuster, $19.95.**

A little known member of the Bloomsbury group, which included Virginia and Leonard Woolf, E.M. Forster, Maynard Keynes, and Stephen Spender, Joseph Ackerly is best remembered for two memoirs, *Hindoo Holiday*, a campy account of time spent in an Indian maharajah's court, and for *My Father and Myself*, a startlingly truthful account between a Major Dad and a very gay son in late Victorian England.

Peter Parker's biography is an elegantly and respectfully written story of the quotidian Ackerly, editor of a great literary magazine, very sexually active, and openly so. Ackerly's great search, at once understandable, and self-defeating, was to find his "ideal Friend," and Parker looks sympathetically at this doomed Shining Knight quest. The story of his finally choosing(?) displacing(?) sublimating(?) that desire to his German Shepherd Queenie is a moving one. She truly was a Companion Animal.

"Saving a letter is like trying to preserve a kiss," John Cheever wrote, and thankfully, son Benjamin successfully did both.

John Cheever was the quintessential WASP male writer. He was also a successfully recovering alcoholic and an active bisexual. Emerging from these letters is a sense of the delicacy of the balance of his life with a surprising forthrightness. In the letters selected by his son to wife, children, male lovers, colleagues and friends, we see revealed a heart of stone, of straw, of glass, and we are the better for it. ■

Speaking their minds

reviewed by Joanne Marrow, Ph.D.
OF MGW STAFF

***Lesbians Over 60 Speak for Themselves*, by Monika Kehoe, Harrington Park Press, 1989.**

Most lesbians over 60 years old are invisible. Scholar Monika Kehoe, herself born in 1909, has published the results of her nationwide survey of 100 older lesbians, ranging in age from 60 to 86 years. The women in this book are white, and above average in health, emotional adjustment, education and income. It seems that the older lesbian is so closeted that only those with a certain amount of social privilege will dare to respond to a mailed out questionnaire.

For those of us whose grandparents or parents are the generation of "over 60", it is nearly impossible to imagine the experience of acknowledging a lesbian identity in 1930. Information about women's sexuality and lesbianism has become so widely available in the last 20 years, that it is difficult to comprehend how awkward and puzzling it was to have no words to describe same-sex attraction. Without language, inner experiences cannot take shape into one's identity. Not surprisingly, 27 of the 100 respondents married men and adjusted. They did not have the opportunity to develop a lesbian identity until after age 50 (or even 70). Some created imaginative solutions: one lived with her husband, son and her female lover in suburbia. Others came into their own after their children left home. It was then that they had the time to examine their own needs and desires. Coming out to their families often resulted in rejection by their children.

The lesbians who did not marry lived through a time when their careers and personal safety demanded secrecy about their sexual and affectional preference. Consequently, today the majority remain secretive. These women rarely have gone to gay bars; were not out at work; and found each other through private social networks. Contrary to the popular notion of older lesbians as being butch or femme, these women seemed to be androgynous before the word was invented.

Today as older lesbians, their primary concerns are loneliness, youth-oriented lesbian culture which excludes them, and fears of dependency on others as they age. The majority prefer personal and sexual relationships with women within 10 years of their age. Yet, like most lesbians who respond to surveys, it is very clear that a lesbian identity means a preference for women not because women are sex objects, but because they are more "sensitive, intuitive, better communicators, more generous with time, more caring about the whole person, and more comfortable to be with" then men. While sexual bonding is also important, it does not seem to be the primary consideration in their lesbian identity. For some who think of "lesbian" as a sexual label, the word is avoided. These women do not know the meaning of the word "separatist" but none have heterosexual male friends.

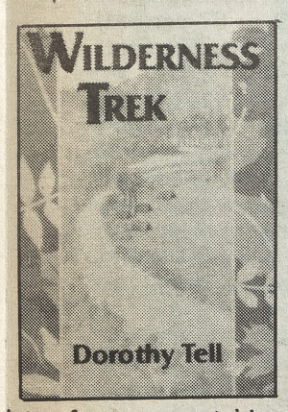
More issues are examined in this little book. Reading it will allow one to place herself in her own generation of lesbian development. It is important to reflect on how the lesbian lifestyle you live today will create the one you live in old age. ■

Adventure into self

reviewed by Laura Enright
OF MGW STAFF

***Wilderness Trek* by Dorothy Tell, The Naiad Press Inc., P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302, 1990, 178 pages, $8.95.**

Wilderness Trek, the first novel by Dorothy Tell (pseudonym) a lesbian grandmother from Texas is a hit with me. The book, dealing with the interactions of a



variety of women partaking in a two-week wilderness trek into the Ozark mountains, proved to a bit predictable, but well written nonetheless.

Wilderness Trek,, like so many of Naiad's books, is the type of easy reading lesbian story that you want to keep reading until its finished. The book is slightly suspenseful, totally entertaining and sensual enough to make me look forward to Dorothy Tell's next book in the Poppy dillworth series entitled *Murder at Red Rook Ranch*.

***Murder by the Book*, by Pat Welch, The Naiad Press Inc., P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302, 1990, 241 pages, $8.95.**

Murder by the Book, a Helen Black Mystery, is a chilling, suspenseful who-done-it murder mystery with lesbian undertones. While several of the main characters are indeed lesbians, the book on a whole gets its merit by being an excellent detective story that was hard to put down.

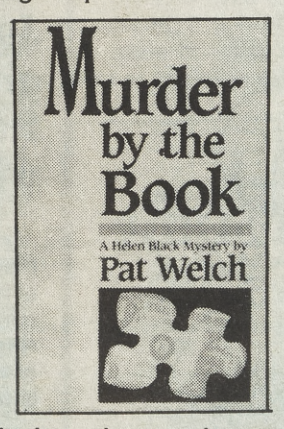
Murder by the Book, kept me in suspense throughout the entire book by baiting me with subtle hints and motives for most of the book's characters, yet never allowing me enough facts to draw a proper conclusion as to the true murderer's identity until the end.

Murder by the Book, a first attempt by author Pat Welch, is cleverly written and highly entertaining. If Welch's future titles can maintain this level of quality, I will be reading them all.

***There's Something I've Been Meaning To Tell You*, ed. by Loralee MacPike, Naiad Press, P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302, 1990, 255 pages, $8.95.**

Meaning To Tell You, is a selection of true-to-life stories concerning the coming-out process of gay men and lesbians to their children.

While people without children might find this book to be boring because of its content, anyone with children or anyone involved with a lover with children will find the book to be an inspiration as well as a much needed avenue of support in their own personal coming-out process.

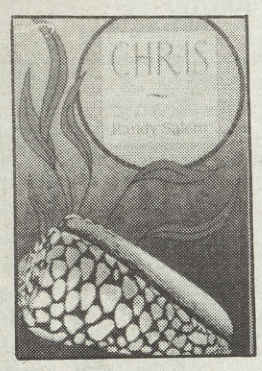


Whether the results prove heartwarming or heartbreaking, the personal stories contained in *There's Something I've Been Meaning To Tell You*, are worth at least a glancing look from all gay men and lesbians, as it is a subject that will at one time or another probably affect us all.

***Chris*, by Randy Salem, The Naiad Press Inc., P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302, 1989, 211 pages, $8.95.**

Once upon a time, in the late 1950s and early 60s, there appeared a period of time often referred to as the golden age of lesbian literature. To anyone unfamiliar with this time span of our gay history, let me say that it was a time when a lesbian could walk into the neighborhood five and dime store or the corner drugstore and buy lesbian paperbacks right off the bookracks. It was a time that while portraying the love between women as shaded and forbidden, still managed to give us many beautiful and well-written love stories that we cannot afford to forget.

Chris, written by Randy Salem,



was first released in 1959 by Beacon Books and after disappearing for far too many years, has just been discovered and reprinted by Naiad Press. Naiad has succeeded in reprinting many of the early lesbian classics and I was extremely happy to see them restore yet another.

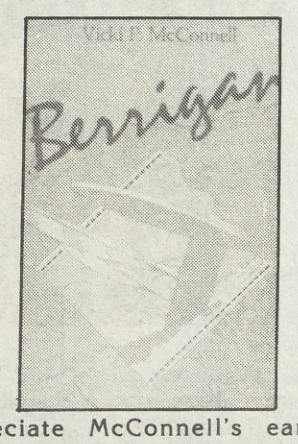
Chris, portrays the relationship between two women and the changes that occur when a third woman comes onto the scene. A classic everyday occurrence that happened in the 50s and still happens today.

I thoroughly enjoyed *Chris* and highly recommend it to lesbians of all ages. It is a very moving book and has survived the test of time by showing the reader the basic elements of love and adventure as they were in the 50s and still are today. *Chris* is an enjoyable book to read and I was saddened to see it end. This is a book that I plan to keep in my collection, one that I will definitely re-read.

***Berrigan* by Vicki P. McConnell, The Naiad Press Inc., P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302, second edition 1990, 162 pages, $8.95.**

Berrigan, first released in 1978 and recently re-released, is an interesting book with a unique, casual, loose writing style that quite frankly bored me to death.

When I first read *Berrigan* in the early 80s, I found the style to be too hectic and pieced-together for my tastes. Yet when I was recently asked to review the book, I put my past thoughts behind me and re-read it as if for the first time. Maybe my tastes in reading materials had matured or developed in such a way as to ap-



preciate McConnell's early writings, after all, I loved her Nyla Wade mystery series. Alas, no such luck! I got three-quarters of the way through *Berrigan* when I finally had to quit.

Berrigan may appeal to some readers because of its lesbian-feminist overtones, its character analysis, its stabs at humor or heartbreak, or its unique writing style; unfortunately it just doesn't appeal to me at all. ■

NEWSCLIPS

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Victim's attire barred

Defense attorneys in Florida, can no longer use the alleged victim's clothing as evidence to justify rape, under a new law signed by Governor Bob Martinez.

The bill's sponsor, Democratic Representative Elaine Gordon of Miami said the measure stemmed from the acquittal of a rape suspect in Fort Lauderdale where jurors commented that the woman may have tempted the assailant by wearing skimpy clothing.

Florida makes G-strings illegal on state beaches

Beachgoers who favor skimpy bikinis and G-strings will have to cover up on Florida's state beaches or face misdemeanor charges.

Governor Bob Martinez approved the measure outlawing G-strings and similar attire for both sexes.

The new regulation specifically prohibits sunbathers from exposing his or her buttocks or genitals and also prohibits women from wearing bikini tops that expose breast below the nipple.

Feminists fume over "owner's manual" on wives

Feminist groups nationwide have announced a boycott of *Esquire* magazine, saying they're outraged by the article entitled "Your Wife: An Owner's Manual."

Tammy Bruce, president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Organization for Women called the story an "expression of the degradation of women." The national NOW is demanding that *Esquire* editor-in-chief Lee Eisenberg publicly apologize and devote an issue to a realistic view of women.

The June edition of *Esquire* devoted several articles to wives and lists "The Twelve Virtues of the Perfect Wife," describing the ideal woman as obedient, thrifty and reverent.

Sex, drugs and students

Around 20 percent of the nation's high school students had more than three sex partners and about three percent have injected drugs — putting them at risk for AIDS, according to surveys from the federal government.

The 42 surveys, similar to others in recent years, also revealed continued ignorance among a large number of students regarding what does and does not cause AIDS. For example, less than half, on average, knew that mosquito bites do not cause AIDS.

Male curfew urged to stop rapists

Following a series of brutal rapes which have shattered New Zealand's self-image as a peaceful society, police advised women to stay at home at night. Feminists have reacted angrily, proposing a curfew for men.

The women, who stress they are being punished for what men are doing, propose men be permitted at night only if accompanied by a woman.

Police figures show reported sexual assaults on women jumped from 2,033 in 1989 from 1,359 in 1985.

The idea of a "male curfew" was first proposed 25 years ago by the world's first female prime minister, Golda Meir of Israel following a series of rapes in Tel Aviv.

Marlboros out: Gay bars support boycott

Gay bars in Washington, DC and Atlanta, Georgia have pulled Marlboros from their vending machines. This added momentum boosts the boycott of Marlboro cigarettes called by ACT-UP/DC in April. The boycott was called because of Philip Morris Cos., Inc. support of the reelection campaign of noted homophobe, Jesse Helms. Not ony has Philip Morris given Jesse Helms the maximum campaign contribution allowed under federal law in all past elections, but they are also providing significant funding for the Jesse Helms Citizenship Center, a museum to memorialize the AIDSphobic senator.

Alumni at Penn State

A gay and lesbian alumni association for Penn State University has formed. The Penn State Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (PSU GALA) is affiliated with the Network of Gay and Lesbian Alumni/Ae Associations which is based in Washington, D.C.

Information: PSU GALA, c/o Sim Aberson, 221 SW 7th St, Dania, FL 33004.

Film festival sets record

The 14th San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, June 15-24, ended its 10-day run with a record $116,000 in box office receipts and overall attendance of 25,000, up from $100,000 in ticket sales and 19,000 in attendance for last year's festival.

Sold-out shows at the Castro Theatre were the opening night films, *Coming Out, Oranges are not the Only Fruit,* and *Pink Ulysses.* Among the 11 sell-outs at the Roxie Cinema were *Looking for My Penis, Fun for Boys and Girls, The Tom Rubnitz Marathon, A Woman of Affairs: Greta Garbo's Lesbian Past.*

Audience favorites: *Oranges are not the Only Fruit* (best feature); *Paris is Burning* (best feature documentary); *Flames of Passion* (best short film); *Tongues Untied,* (best video).

Mapplethorpe indictment recast

A judge in Cincinnati will amend an indictment against an art gallery showing the late Robert Mapplethorpe's photographs.

The indictment would conform with a 1973 U.S. high court ruling that said obscene pictures must offend the average member of the community, depict clearly offensive sexual conduct and lack artistic value.

Lawyers for the Center had urged Judge David Albanese to dismiss charges of pandering obscenity and using children in material involving nudity, saying they did not accuse the gallery of violating obscenity standards.

The original indictment referred only to depictions of nude children and sex acts, which are not automatically obscene under law.

AIDS lawsuit pending

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

Charging error in a federal court ruling that an individual cannot sue the federal government under the Rehabilitation Act, America Civil Liberties Union Lawyer Matthew Coles argued before a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) discriminated against a doctor who has AIDS after the agency stopped sending its employees to him for physical examinations.

Elaine Elinson of the Northern California ACLU told *MGW* the decision from the judges is still pending. "If they do not rule in our favor, we plan to appeal again," said Elinson.

Coles also argued that Dr. Doe's privacy was invaded when the FBI used the information that he has AIDS to stop sending agents to him. "The use of private medical information violates the federal Constitution every bit as much as disclosure of information does," Coles said in a ACLU press release.

Dr. Doe, whose identity is protected by court order, had performed routine physical exams on FBI employees since 1984. In 1988, when the agency learned that he had been diagnosed with Kaposi's sarcoma, an AIDS-related illness, it stopped sending employees to him. AIDS is considered a disability under the Federal Rehabilitation Act.

Both Dr. Doe and the hospital at which he examined patients, assured the FBI that those seeking the doctor's care were in no danger. When the FBI refused to change its policy, Dr. Doe brought suit in a federal court.

During the 1989 U.S. District Court trial, numerous medical specialists explained that there was no danger of transmission of HIV from the doctor to his patients during the course of routine examinations. Dr. George Rutherford, then head of the Office ofAIDS at the San Francisco Department of Public Health, testified that a health risk was "vanishingly small."

Judge Charles Legge, however, ruled that Dr. Doe must file an internal administrative complaint with the Justice Department rather than sue under the Rehabilitation Act.

Coles explained that Dr. Doe is appealing the ruling because "lengthy administration remedies, such as the one suggested by Judge Legge, are particularly inappropriate for people with AIDS. The process can go on longer than a person with AIDS may be able to keep working," he said. ■

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New report shows anti-gay violence in the U.S.

Violence, harassment and attacks against gay men and lesbians are "widespread" and continue to "plague the nation," says a national report on anti-gay crimes recently released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

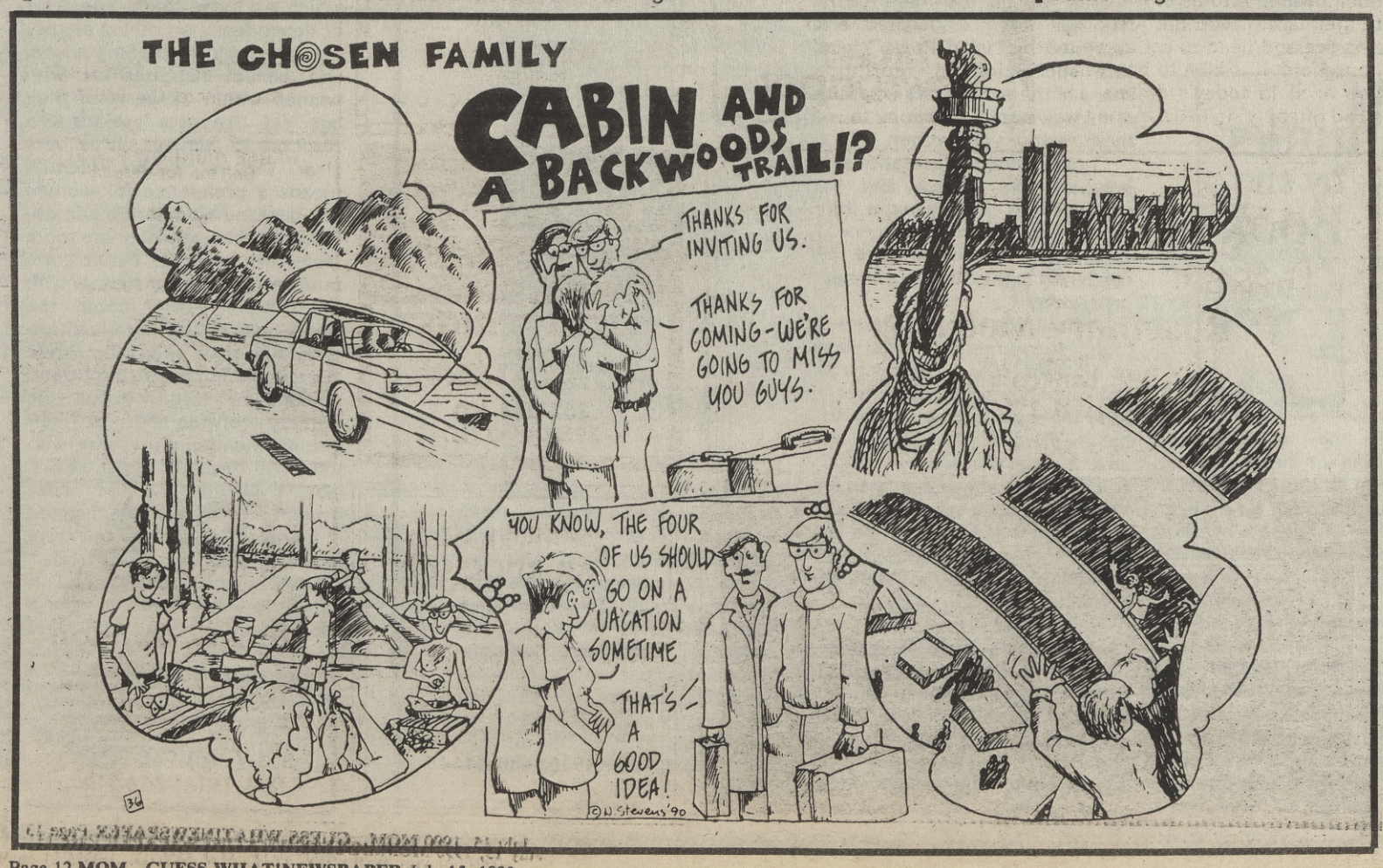
The fifth annual NGLTF "Anti-Gay Violence, Victimization and Defamation" survey reports 7,031 incidents — ranging from harassment to homicide against gay men and lesbians in 1989. The incidents were documented by 119 organizations and individuals in 40 states and the District of Columbia.

The report was presented at a June 7 press conference in a House of Representatives building. NGLTF Anti-Violence Project Director Kevin Berril was joined by other civil rights, law enforcement and Congressional leaders including Senator Alan Cranston in calling for a "major battle" against bashers and bigots.

For the first time, the NGLTF report included a breakdown of state hate crimes laws passed or pending. A U.S. Department of Justice report issued in 1987 noted that "homosexuals are probably the most frequent victims" of hate violence in America.

The report came just weeks after President Bush signed the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act that allows for specific mention of anti-gay crimes.

Of the 7,031 incidents reported last year, approximately two-thirds (4,709 or 67 percent) were acts of verbal harassment. Of the remaining 2,322 incidents, 34 percent (795) were physical assaults, 31 percent (726) were threats of violence, 17 percent (385) were acts of vandalism, 14 percent (330) were police abuse, three percent (62) were homicides, one percent acts of arson (11) and other victimization (13). ■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Jailed protestor given cleaning fluid to drink while in jail

Following weeks of careful planning to assure AIDS activists arrested during the AIDS conference would be treated with respect, a bizarre incident by city officials has protest leaders enraged.

Colin Blakeney, one of 80 protestors jailed on Wednesday, June 20, asked a city psychiatric worker for a glass of water to take his AZT medicine. What he got was a cup of cleaning fluid.

A medical coordinator for the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power said the liquid was poisonous zephrian, a solution used to clean the skin before conducting blood alcohol tests on drunken drivers — and charged it was given to protestors intentionally.

Nancy Rubin, Director of Jail Medical Services of San Francisco called the incident an honest mistake.

MGW NEWSCLIPS

Builder can't target gays in ads

The California Department of Fair Employment and Housing has ordered a luxury vacation time-share developer in Palm Springs to stop targeting its advertising at gays. The action against A Concept in Time, developers of Villa Mykonos, is believed to be the first attempt by the state to use anti-discrimination laws to forbid a sales pitch aimed at gays and lesbians.

— The Bay Area Reporter

"Straight, white male" art show generates trouble

A student-curated art show at the San Francisco Art Institute's Diego Rivera Gallery in May remains the subject of controversy among minority students at the Institute. "Jason Starkle's Straight White Male Group Show," which closed in early May, has been criticized by the Coalition of Degenerate Artists.

— The Bay Area Reporter

Sununu suggesting Bush take a position against gays

According to an anonymous White House source, Chief of Staff John Sununu has reportedly suggested President Bush take a position against a gay rights or AIDS-related issue in the near future as a means of lessening criticism by conservatives who are outraged over Bush's decision last month to invite gays to the White House for a bill signing ceremony. White House Deputy Press Secretary Alixe Glen said she had no knowledge of Sununu's views on the bill signing and was unaware of any plans by the staff member or the President to speak out against gay rights.

— The Washington Blade

Spain Protests Homophobic Military

Gay Hotsa is leading a national protest in Spain against the homophobia of the Spanish military. The Military Justice Code was supposed to end the practice of the military rejecting openly gay members and new recruits. The code was rewritten to conform with the Council of Europe's requirement that no member country deny gays the right to serve. Spain's military have refused to comply. *Gay Hotsa* is a bi-monthly magazine. Subscriptions are $18. Send international money order: EGHAM; Apartado de Correos, $1.667; 48080 Bilbao, Euskadi; Spain.

International Lesbian Cookbook

A group in Vienna, Austsria is collecting recipes for an International Lesbian Cookbook in German, English, French and Spanish. Send recipes to: Hedwig Kasl, Rembrandtstrasse 18/14, 1020 Vienna, Austria.

Thailand to Legalize Prostitution

Thailand plans to legalize prostitution in order to better control and protect the people engaged in this service. According to *Passport* magazine, the Thai Interior Minister is especially incensed at the "police involvement" in the trade. Police presently receive regular monthly pay-offs for looking the other way.

Guide for "Citizen Lobbying" Available

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, is making available a guide called "Visiting your U.S. Senator or Representative." Copies are available for $1.50. For information: HRCF Field Division, Box 1723, Washington, DC 20013. ■

Gay Marriages to be Legalized in Sweden

Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson has said that he expects Sweden to follow the lead of Denmark and legalize gay marriages. Activists hope that Sweden will become the first country to legalize gay adoptions as well.

BLK Seeks Writers

BLK Publishing Company has announced plans to issue three new quarterly publications. *Kuumba* will be a journal of non-erotic poetry for gay men. *Blackfire* will be a male erotic magazine, and *Black Lace,* a lesbian erotic magazine. Submissions can be sent to the Editor of the respective publication, Box 83912, Los Angeles, 90083. Subscriptions are $18/year. ■

Andrew "Dice" Clay rolls women, gays and ratings

Comic Andrew "Dice" Clay's controversial appearance on NBC's *Saturday Night Live,* earned the show its highest overall rating this season. NBC, aware of his tendency to call women "bitches" and verbally assail gays, aired the show with a five second delay. Before the show aired, NBC received 1,764 complaints. The program was also boycotted by cast member Nora Dunn and pop singer Sinead O'Conner. *SNL* earned an average rating of 11.6 and got a 31 percent share of the audience in Nielsen's 24-city overnight rating.

ACT-UP Portland "outs" Senator

ACT-UP of Portland, Oregon, has expanded their effort to "out" U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield by plastering his reelection billboards with messages alleging he is gay and sharply criticizing his voting record on AIDS and gay rights. The billboards, which originally said "Preserving social security" and "making light rail a reality," were changed by ACT-UP to read "Closeted Gay. Living a lie — voting to oppress."

— The Washington Blade

Finding Resources For Gay Couples

Partners: The Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples, an annotated directory is available in a newly-expanded edition that lists two dozen social, political and support organizations and more than 50 books, tapes and films. To receive a copy, send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to: *PARTNERS* resource list, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109. *PARTNERS,* an eight-page monthly, contains interviews, news and features by professionals.

Changes in the ACLU's Gay Rights Chapter

The Northern California Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union continues to remember the deeds of chairman Doug Warner following his death on February 14. Warner was described by the organization as "indispensible" and someone who had a contagious enjoyment for life. A memorial project is being planned in his honor. Mike Williams has been elected chairman for a one-year term. At a retreat shortly before Warner's death, the group decided to expand its goals to include working with other minority communities to educate each other and work for shared goals.

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Home mortgages: Should I prepay?

by Catherine Whitney
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There are three questions that I am frequently asked as a financial planner. They all concern home mortgages. People want to know if they should prepay their mortgage, refinance their mortgage, or take on additional debt in the form of a second mortgage or a Home Equity loan. Although each individual has her/his own set of circumstances, therefore making it hard to generalize, there are some rules-of-thumb concerning all three.

For most people, the prepayment of a home loan can bring significant financial savings. According to a book called *A Banker's Secret* by Mark Eisenson, if you pay an extra $25 a month toward the principal on a $75,000, 30-year mortgage, you can save $30,000 in interest. If you pay $65 a month extra you can pay off your mortgage in 20 years with an interest savings of $63,000. By reducing your principal each month there is less interest to pay.

Could this plan work for you? Things to consider are:

1) How long will you stay in your home? In the early years of your mortgage you do not save a lot in interest because the payment to principal is so low. If you plan to move in five to seven years, your money can be of more use invested.

2) How much consumer debt do you have? If your mortgage is at 10 percent, your credit cards are at 18 percent and your car loan at 12 percent, it makes no sense to pay extra money to your mortgage until the higher interest debit is paid off. With the personal interest deduction disappearing from the tax return, mortgage interest is still fully deductible, it may be better to pay off the car or credit card first.

3) What interest rate is your mortgage? If you are lucky and have an 8.5 percent or lower rate, you can earn more on your money elsewhere.

4) Inflation. The higher the rate of inflation, the less buying power of your dollar in future years. In other words, your money today will buy more now than it will in future years if inflation is high. If you are just starting out and need to set up your household, it is best to buy what you need in today's dollars, instead of applying extra money to your mortgage.

5) Your personal attitude about debt. It may make you feel good to pay off your mortgage early.

6) Check to see if there is a prepayment penalty.

So the decision to prepay your mortgage is a personal one, depending on your own particular circumstance. It pays to check out your numbers with your financial adviser to see if it would be beneficial to you. ■

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15 Sunday

►**Softball,** Wreck Room vs Buffalo Club, noon; Mercantile vs Faces, 2pm; 21st & C sts.

►**Gold Panning Championship/Art & Craft Faire,** Auburn, 823-3836.

►**Sacramento Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue (SACAOR) meeting,** 3-6pm, Sacramento, info: 443-7876.

►**PAGA** Golf Tournament, 11am, Santa Teresa Golf Course, $45 golf fees, carts, BBQ & awards; call Terrie (408) 244-1416 for info.

16 Monday

►**Women's Rap Group,** 7-9pm, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St, 442-0185.

►**Healthy Living Series;** "Healthwatch, Update on HIV Treatments," Neil Flynn M.D., and colleagues; 8-10pm, UCD Med Center Auditorium, 2315 Stockton Blvd, info 448-2437.

17 Tuesday

►**Being Gay Today,** 10pm, Cable Ch 63.

►**PFLAG meeting,** 7:30pm, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 3391 St. Marks way, 444-9510.

►**Heart to Heart,** support group for men; "Understanding Co-Dependency," Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 1900 K St; 448-2437.

18 Wednesday

►**Membership meeting** and professional development seminar; Jian Wong, "Career Success and the Commercial Artist," Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St, 441-4818; 7pm.

19 Thursday

►**Being Gay Today,** 9pm Cable Ch 63.

►**Being Alive Living Room,** drop in social setting for persons with AIDS and HIV disease; refreshments, games, conversation, 2-5pm, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St, 442-0185.

►**Circus Vargas,** Cal Expo; thru July 22. 921-1275 for more info.

►**Arlo Smith,** candidate for State Attorney General, at RCDC, 6:30pm at the Lambda Center, 927-2029.

20 Friday

►**SACWN** presents Jane Irwin, "Boardroom or Bedroom ... How to Make it Happen!" Holiday Inn Holidome, 6:30pm, 486-8985.

►**Country Western Riverboat Cruise, 10pm-1am, $22.50, 427-5713.**

►**Inner Vision Seminars,** Healing Sexual Abuse Workshop for Women, thru Sunday, $195, 925-2397.

►**2nd Annual Summer Ball** thru Sunday; benefit for SAF, Home Health Care, given by Sacramento Summer Ball Chapter of the National Foundation for Educational Research; cocktail party & "black tie" dinner, $75, Hyatt Regency, Sharon McKnight entertaining; tickets for all events — Phoenix Rising Hair Salon, 3193 Riverside Blvd; info, Robert 429-2588 or Marty 427-3371.

►**Bay Area women at the Helm (BAWATH),** annual "Delta Dip" event, RSVP by July 13; Barbara (415) 763-1264 (sailing, swimming & more); thru July 22

21 Saturday

►**Eppies Great Race,** 8am start, William Pond Recreation Area (end of Arden Way) at American River.

►**Great Sacramento Crystal Fair,** Holidome/Holiday Inn, Madison & I-80; 10am-6pm; $3 (415) 383-7837 (thru July 22).

►**Christmas in July,** benefit Jazz Band Festival, Italian Picnic Grounds, Sutter Hill (209) 296-7069.

►**2nd Annual Summer Ball** Safari Dance, Lincoln Plaza Building, see July 20 for more info.

22 Sunday

►**Depeche Mode,** Cal Expo. $20.50. Tickets available through BASS.

►**Softball,** Faces vs. Buffalo Club, noon; Wreck Room vs Mercantile, 2pm; 21st & C sts.

►**Dignity liturgy,** 3pm, 26th & K sts.

►**2nd Annual Summer Ball,** "Admirals Cruise," brunch aboard Delta Queen; more info see July 20.

23 Monday

►**"Les Miserables"** producer Cameron Mackintosh opens auditions for "Miss Saigon." Filipino and Asian men and women 18-30 only. (415) 956-5472.

►**Intermediate B/W Photography,** The Darkroom, 712 57th St, 6:30-9:30pm, Mon. thru Aug. 27, $135, 451-9678.

►**Women's Rap Group,** see July 16.

24 Tuesday

►**Being Gay Today,** 10pm Cable Ch 63.

25 Wednesday

►**RCDC Speakers Bureau Training Session** 6:30-8:30pm at the Lambda Center. Call 371-3848.

26 Thursday

►**Being Gay Today,** 9pm Cable Ch 63.

►**Being Alive Living Room,** see July 19.

27 Friday

►**California Midsummer Bluegrass Festival,** Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley, thru July 29, 456-3703.

►**Buddy Connection,** men's safer sex workshop; 7-9pm, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 1900 K St, 448-2437.

29 Sunday

►**Softball,** Faces vs. Wreck Room, noon; Mercantile vs. Buffalo Club, 2pm; 21st & C sts.

30 Monday

►**Women's Rap Group,** see July 16.

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►**Being Gay Today,** 10pm, Cable Channel 63.

3 Friday

►**Calif. Lottery Bicycle Classic,** Old Sacramento, women's and men's races, bicycle expo (2-10pm), post-race party; races start at 4:30pm, 482-4720.

4 Saturday

►**Celebration '90:** Gay Games III and Cultural Festival, thru Aug. 11, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

5 Sunday

►**Alternative Connection for Women in the Valley;** picnic, 11am-4pm, Victory Park, Stockton, (209) 941-2611.

6 Monday

►**Fourth Annual Women's Peace Event** at the Crest Theater 6:30pm, $3-10; 448-7159.

7 Tuesday

►**Being Gay Today,** 10pm, Cable Channel 63.

►**"Outlook,"** 10pm, Cable Channel 63.

►**Gay Games III Physique Finals,** Orpheum Theatre, Vancouver, $27, Norm 443-6440.

8 Wednesday

►**"Beyond the Rainbow,"** the combined Lesbian and Gay Bands of America. Gay Games III. Orpheum Theatre, Vancouver.

►**Queers in Art,** an Artisan Market, Celebration Center, Celebration '90 Gay Games III and Cultural Festival, Vancouver, BC, (604) 684-3303, thru August 11.

9 Thursday

►**Being Gay Today,** 9pm, Cable Channel 63.

►**Outlook,** 10pm, Cable Channel 63.

10 Friday

►**Western Regional Conference,** World Congress of Gay & Lesbian Jewish Organizations; Congregation Tikvah Chadashah, Seattle, WA; (206) 328-2760, thru August 11.

12 Sunday

►**Dignity,** 3pm mass, St. Francis Chapel, 26 & K sts.

13 Monday

►**Lesbian and Gay Men... Together in the 90s?** RCDC series, 6pm at the Town House. Call 371-3848.

►**Healthy Living Series;** Understanding AIDS/HIV, Fears, Facts and Feelings; Lisa Brodkey & Stephen Warren; 7-9pm, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 1900 K St, 448-2437.

14 Tuesday

►**Being Gay Today,** 10pm, Cable Channel 63.

15 Wednesday

►**Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Town Council meeting,** 6:30pm, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St.

►**Carnival Week** in Provincetown, Mass., Grand Parade of Floats, Masquerade Ball, (508) 487-6400, thru August 22..

►**15th Annual Michigan Womyn's Music Festival,** thru Aug. 19; WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458.

19 Sunday

►**Softball,** Mercantile vs. Faces, noon; Wreck Room vs. Buffalo Club, 2pm; 21st & C sts.

21 Tuesday

►**Being Gay Today,** 10pm, Cable Channel 63.

23 Thursday

►**Dito Gallery workshop** on fabrics, paints and beads 6-9pm. 1724 L St, 441-3486.

24 Friday

►**SACWN presents Betty Berzon,** 486-8985.

25 Saturday

►**A party for women** aboard the River City Queen. 9pm-midnight. 427-5713 for more info.

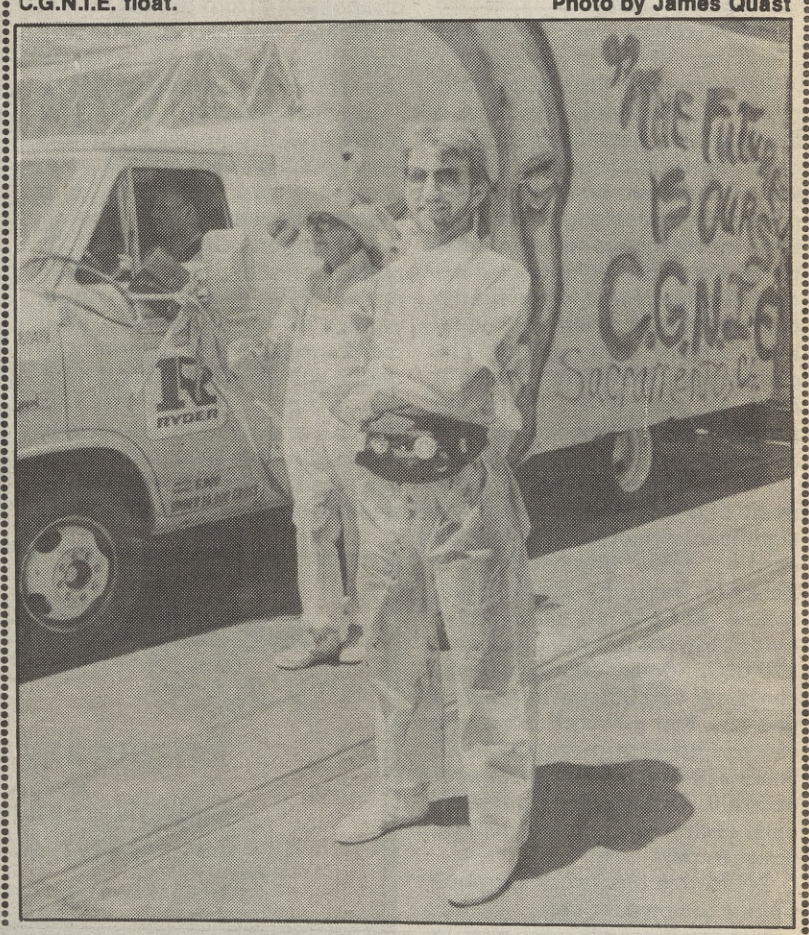
26 Sunday

►**Dignity,** 3pm Mass, St. Francis Chapel, 26th & K St.

▲ Dr. Neil Flynn on right with CARES employees in S.F. Photo by James Quast

Sacramento participates in S.F. parade

Robbie Becker with C.G.N.I.E. float. ▼ Photo by James Quast



►**Star Gazers Houseboat Water Ski/Sport Wknd,** Thrill Seekers, 454-6112, thru August 28.

►**Softball,** Wreck Room vs. Mercantile, noon; Faces vs. Buffalo Club, 2pm; 21st & C sts.

31 Friday

►**100 mile walk** to benefit Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Starts 6:30am in Folsom. 448-2437.

►**20 mile walk** to benefit Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Starts at Sunrise access to the American River, 8:30am. 448-2437.

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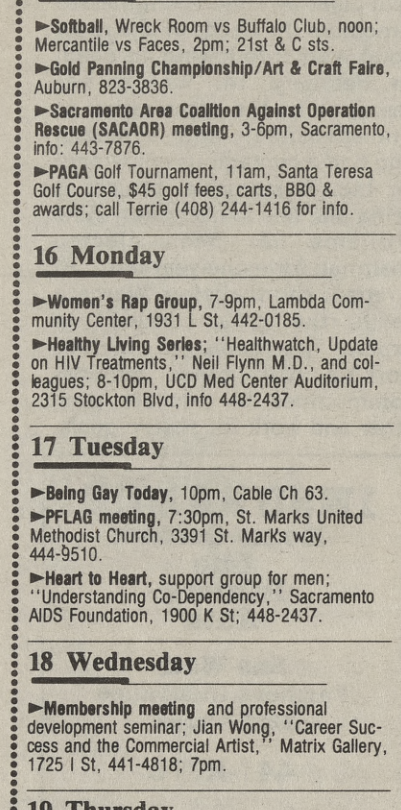

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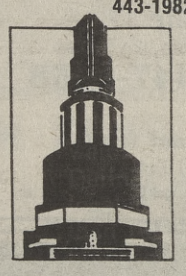

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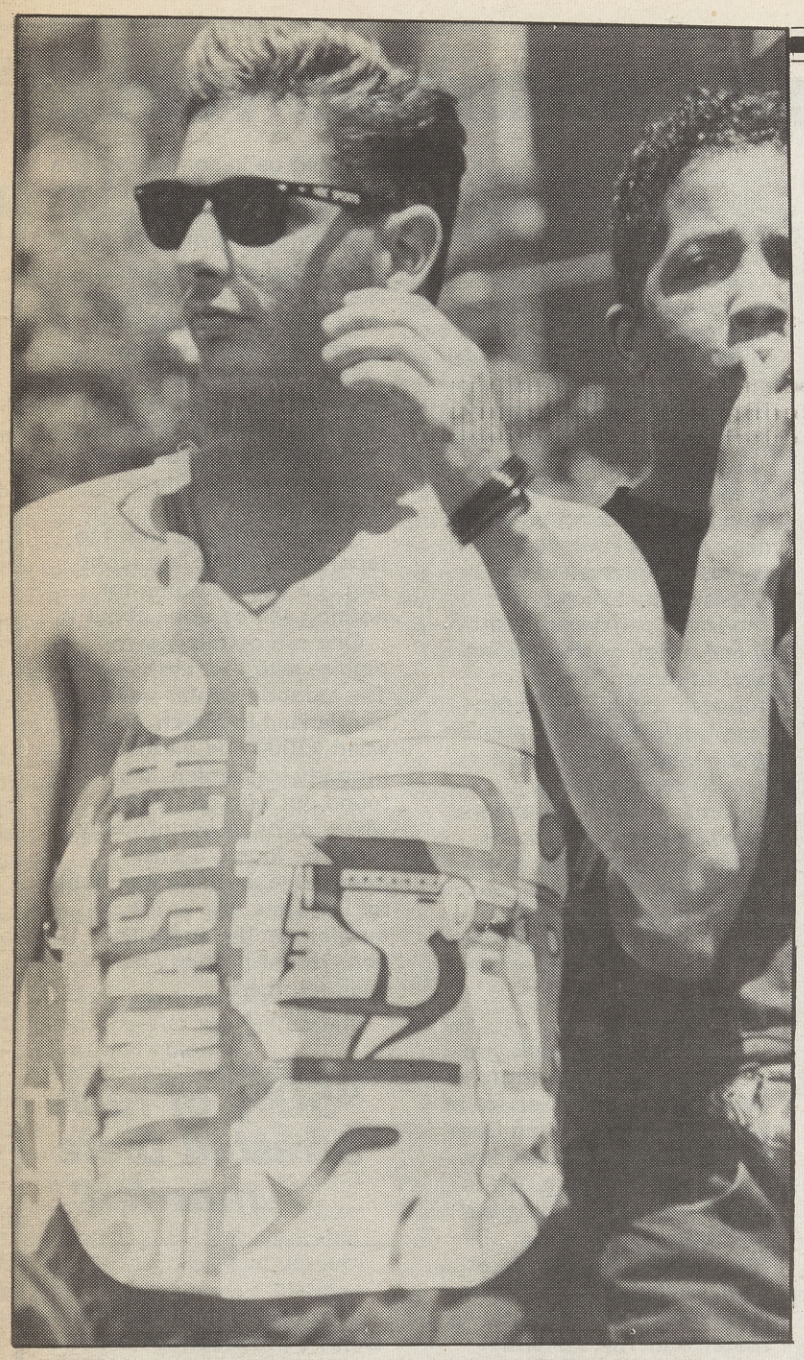

More men at the S.F. Gay Pride Parade

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Art Galleries

thru July 27 — On a Grand Scale, Neighborhood Center for the Arts, Grass Valley, 272-7287.
thru Aug. 15 — ''Shinobu: Portrait of the Artist as a Young Girl'' — Madelaine Girbaud; Luna's Cafe.
thru Aug. 24 — workshops on Art and Architecture, Sacramento Children's Museum, 1322 O St, 447-8017.
thru Aug. 26 — California Light, 1900-1930, Herold Gallery, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
thru Aug. 27 — New Exhibition of Art at Shenandoah Gallery; Le Chai at Shenandoah Vineyards, 12300 Steine Rd, Plymouth; Tasting room at Sobon Estate, 14430 Shenandoah Rd, Plymouth; (209) 245-4455.
thru July 27 — Corey Okada, ''Works on Paper,'' Dito Gallery, 1724 L St, 441-3486; reception, July 7, 7-9pm.
thru July 31 — Introduction to the Abstract, group show; Accurate Art Gallery, 1131 J St, 442-1771; Reception July 14, 7-9pm.
thru Aug. 4 — Introductions '90; Leigh Barbier, David Hoppe, Joel Singer; Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 Tenth St, 448-8723; reception, July 14, 6:30-8:30pm.
thru Aug. 17 — Mixed Media Works by Alida Manning; Matrix Members Gallery, 1725 I St, 441-4818; reception July 14, 7-9pm.
thru Aug. 17 — Introductions '90; Karen Fulk, Jane Goldman, Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St, 441-4818; reception, July 14, 7-9pm.
thru Aug. 5 — Penina Meisels, ''The Art of Polo''; Paul Stein — small porcelain vessels; Marijke Van Vlaardingen — Images of The Horse; Himovitz Gallery, 550 Pavilions Ln, 925-5917.
July 16-August 15 — ''Shinobu: A Portrait of an Artist as a Young Girl'' by Shinobu Tanaka; Luna's Cafe & Gallery, 1414 16th St, 441-3931.
July 17-Dec. 2 — Edward Weston: Idols Behind Altars, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
August 4-August 31 — Waif Mullins, ''Paintings rendered in pastel'' and David Vargo ''Earthenware sculpture'' at the Michael Himovitz Gallery, 550 Pavilions Lane, 925-5917.
August 6-31 — Group Show; John Michael Keating, Tony Sinclair, Carol Setterlund; Accurate Art Gallery, 1131 J St, 442-1771; Reception Aug. 11 7-9pm.
August 6-31 — Ground Level, group show (watercolor, oil, sculpture); Accurate Art Gallery, 1131 J St, 442-1771, Reception Aug. 11, 7-9pm.
Sept. 1-28 — Dito Gallery special exhibition for Hope House, 1724 L St, 441-3486.
Sept. 7-30 — North & South America's Best, Maria Guilhermina & Jim McVicker, Accurate Art Gallery, 1131 J St, 442-1771; Reception Sept. 8, 7-9pm.
thru Sept. 9 — Scenes of Wonder and Curiosity: Ted Orland; Library Gallery, Crocker Art Gallery, 216 O St., 449-5423.
Sept. 11-Nov. 15 — Diego Rivera Drawings: Mexico & California, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
Sept. 13-Nov. 4 — Folk Treasures from Mexico, highlights of the Nelson Rockefeller Collection, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
Sept. 13-Nov. 4 — Rural Traditions: El Dia de los Muertos, Hansen Library Foyer, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
Sept. 13-Nov. 4 — OFRENDAS, (altars for Dia De Los Muertos celebration), Discovery Gallery, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
Nov. 17-Jan 30, 1991 — California Modernism, Library Gallery, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.

Theater

thru Aug. 3 — *Taming of the Shrew*, Sacramento City Actor's Theatre. 449-SCAT.
thru Aug. 4 — *Macbeth*, Sacramento City Actors Theatre. 449-SCAT.
thru Aug. 5 — *Les Miserables*, Curran Theatre, 445 Geary, SF, Ticketron (415) 243-9001.
Fridays beginning June 1 — RSVP Improvisational Comedy Theatre, The Guild Coffee House, 35th & Broadway, $5, 442-RSVP.
thru July 22 — Lambda Players' *Louisa May Incest* and *Souvenirs*, 7pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St, 442-0185.
thru July 15 — *Showboat*, Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St; 441-3163.
July 16-22 — *Annie Get Your Gun*, Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St, 441-3163.
July 20-Sept. 22 — *The Unexpected Guest*, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, 985-6361.
July 23-29 — *Into the Woods*, Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St. 441-3163.
July 25, 27, 29, 31 — *The Ghost Sonata*, San Francisco Opera at Theatre Artaud, SF, (415) 565-6431.
July 27-Aug 18 — *You Can't Take It With You*, Foothill Theatre Co, Nevada Theatre, Nevada City, 1-265-8587.
July 30-Aug 5 — *The Boy Friend*, Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St, 441-3163.
Aug. 13-19 — *Big River*, Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St, 441-3163.
Aug. 20-26 — *Ain't Misbehavin*, Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St, 441-3163.
Aug. 23-26 — UCD extension, Oregon Shakespearean Festival, $400-$425, includes transportation, four plays, backstage tour, accommodations, lectures; (800) 752-0881.
Aug. 28-Sept. 2 — *Peter Pan*, Community Center Theatre, 441-3163.
Sept. 11-Oct.7 — *Driving Miss Daisy*, Sacramento Theatre Co, 1419 H St. 446-7501.

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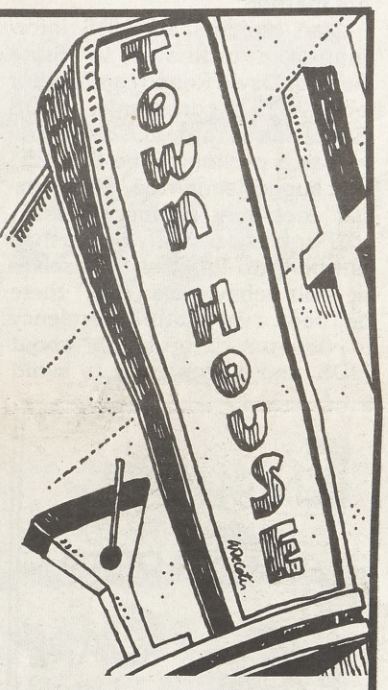

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BEACH

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Fargo on July 16 at 6pm at City Hall.

"I have heard from many members of the community, gays included that have said the arrests are appropriate. When people are breaking the law, police must take action," said Fargo.

ACT-UP Sacramento is requesting:

— A one officer patrol on 20th Street

— An intermediary procedure for gay bashings and/or allowance for anonymous reporting.

— A better, closer police department liaison that meets monthly with the gay community.

As for other solutions to the situation, Denman said there needs to be communication within the gay community about public sex. He also suggested the posting of a sign stating the area is being patrolled.

Why is the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power involved in the gay beach discussion?

While Denman said the subject was on the "fringe" of what ACT-UP does, most public officials say public, often anonymous sex, in the age of AIDS is risky.

Police estimate more than 50 percent of the men at the beach are married.

Stan Hadden, an AIDS information coordinator to State Senator David Roberti and author of a 1987 community AIDS Education Program, cited the research portion of the SB 1251 that suggests married "homosexual" men may be most at risk.

"For homosexually active men unwilling to think of themselves or their behavior as "gay," there has been a very naturall tendency to tune-out information about AIDS, and a propensity to avoid the turfs in which most the teaching and learning about HIV has taken place," the program states.

But there are apparently more dangers on the beach than just AIDS.

MGW has also received a steady stream of anonymous calls from men who claim to have been "harassed" at the beach.

One man said he had been handcuffed and forced to lie face down on the grass while officers searched the other occupant of his car and made homophobic slurs. He told *MGW* his rights to confidentially were violated when he reported the incident to police internal investigations. "The woman told me it would not get back to the officers and that afternoon a lieutenant called me," he said. "All he did was harass me. He basically said 'if you ain't got a witness, you ain't got nothing.' " He was unsure of where the other man from his car was taken following the arrest annd had no way of contacting him.

Others say police are harassing them even if they are suited in daylight hours and not having sex.

Some of those in contact with *MGW* suggested the businesses nearby are homophobic and need educating. "I used to work around there and they were always saying 'better not go out there, those faggots are going to get you' and that type of thing," said one man.

While litter, graffiti and used condoms were outlined as part of business owners complaints, on investigation, *MGW* was unable to locate any condoms or condom wrappers anywhere. Litter and graffiti, however, were everywhere.

Nine men were observed sunbathing, however, none wre nude or engaged in sexual contact. ■

Community members react

Dear Mayor Rudin and Council Members:

Before the city proceeds to deny the public access to the American River at 10th and North B streets I urgently request an opportunity to address the City Council in opposition to the proposed expensive "Berlin Wall" the police department apparently contempletes constructing.

Let me hasten to note that I fully support equal enforcemennt of laws prohibiting public sex, indecent exposure, and lewdness. However, the threat to close this river access is demonstrably an example of official homophobia: It's a "gay beach," therefore it must be "quarantined."

It should be obvious that the problems which have been alleged could be solved with a Weed-Eater, a chain saw, rakes and a day's labor by a small crew. If the low bushes and trees which currently afford concealment were trimmed, neither gay men nor a concern with "public indecency," it is a, rather, an example of hysterical reaction to gay sexuality.

Deputy Police Chief Lee Dohm was quoted in *Mom Guess What* as having admitted that 1) he had not visited the cite of the alleged crime, but, he said 2) "We don't want *them* out there..." (emphasis added). As one of those he identifies as "them," I must remind the Deputy Chief that, as a gay man, I have an absolute right to be anywhere it's legal to be. I don't care whether he, or the nearby business owners want "us" there or not.

In its first hysterical reaction to AIDS the City succeeded in closing Sacramento's gay bath house — though our bath house was doing more to educate gays in methods of safer sex than any other institution in the city. Next the City began aggressively to enforce regulations controlling adult bookstores. Then the police increased enforcement of anti-loitering laws at public rest rooms purportedly frequented by gay men. These actions were not logical responses to a legitimate concern for public health, but, like Jesse Helms' attack on the Mapplethorpe photographs, misguided efforts to protect "public morals." The "women and children" whom you would protect do not frequent adult bookstores, park restrooms at midnight, nor gay bath houses.

You may find the behaviors of gay men personally loathsome, but the City's actions have constituted, not even handed enforcement of law, but, harassment. Gay men have no greater desire to have sex in public than you do! But the selective enforcement of the law has driven gay men into ever more dangerous behavior and into places where the risks of physical attack or arrest are ever greater. You have driven gay men out of private places into public places.

My urgent request, therefore, is that 1) public access to the river at 10th and North B be preserved, 2) the undergrowth at this beach be cleared to reduce the natural concealment, 3) harassment of adult bookstores be ended, 4) the police be informed that gay men have precisely the same rights to seek adult, consensual partners as do heterosexuals.

Finally, I would welcome an opportunity to meet with Members of the Council and police department to provide information about the not-so-strange "courtship" behaviors of gay males. As an illustration: a year ago CSUS was considering locating expensive surveillance cameras in a men's room frequented by gay men. I intervened and suggested that if one "modesty" panel were removed and a sign posted asking users to report "inappropriate" behavior the problem would end. That men's room — famous for more than 20 years as a gay "t-room" — has been abandoned by gays. Let's solve legitimate community problems without resorting to political "gay bashing."

Lee Nichols
Professor, CSUS

Dear Anne:

First, I want to thank you for attending Tim Warford's Celebration of Life Service at River City Metropolitan Community Church last Sunday. Personally it mean much to me for you to take time out of your busy schedule, especially on Sunday, to attend. Sacramento has lost a good citizen and a future leader with Tim's death.

Secondly, I would like to address the matter of the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) at the so-called "gay" beach and Lee Dohm's comments concerning that action because I am furious at both! The SPD's conduct in this action is just as stupid as Sheriff Craig's in the Macy's incident! So far, thank God, we have not had anybody kill themself over it.

In many conversations that I have had with Lee Dohm, I have asked him to come to our community first to see if there was something we could do to alleviate the problem or give them advice which would help them to do so.

Apparently the SPD was two weeks into their action when they notified *Mom Guess What Newspaper* of what they were doing, with never any request for help or advice from our community.

In the past when the SPD has had problems with a particular minority community it has gone to the community for help. The Hispanic community and the Low Riders come to mind.

It is apparent the SPD has its priorities twisted beyond belief. And it is apparent that complaints and requests from the straight community carry far more weight than urgent requests from the gay/lesbian community concerning gay bashing.

For years we have had gay bashing going on in Lavender Heights but our pleas for added patrols to help combat the problem have gone unheeded. The limp excuse being the bashings are not reported therefore the SPD has no justification for added patrols.

The only additional officer I have seen recently is the motorcycle officer who, about three weeks ago, was stopping people as soon as they pulled out of bar parking lots along 20th Street.

I have repeatedly talked to Lee Dohm about the SPD assisting us in some kind of a public relations campaign directed at our community urging them to report crimes committed against them. Nothing has been done, nor, does it look as though anything is forthcoming.

The Lambda Center has been trying to tract these crimes in order to document evidence which could lead to added protection for our community.

Many people are afraid to report a crime or feel reporting is a waste of time for nothing will be done about it.

One can certainly sympathize with that attitude. The Lambda Center was burglarized in March. Between $3000 and $4000 of property was stolen. We found out who did it and where some of our property could be found. To my knowledge, nothing was done for I still see one of the burglars on the street and none of our property has been returned.

"50% of men arrested were married"

All of this brings me to Lee Dohm's most outrageous remarks as reported in *MGW*. I repeat, it is apparent requests from straight business owners carry more weight than requests from gay business owners and the gay community for help to combat gay bashing.

But, why should we get help from the SPD when they engage in gay bashing themselves?

Most certainly while I do not approve of people having sex in public places these people are consenting adults whose behavior only offends the eye of the beholder. This behavior simply does not rank with the vicious crimes which have been purported against our community over the years and about which NOTHING has been done!

I am tired of the pandering of the SPD!

I am tired of the rank homophobia of the SPD!

I am tired of politicians who come to our community seeking our endorsement then allow our community to be singled out for such Police attacks!

I am tired of constantly getting calls from people who say they have been called queer or faggot by a member of the SPD!

Again, I repeat with the attitude of the SPD we are most fortunate that someone has not killed himself over these arrests!

Since 50 percent of the men arrested were married, usually the rate is 80 percent, this again proves our contention that the majority of the men who engage in this kind of behavior have sexual orientation identity problems. Arresting them is not the answer!

The question now is what are you and the City Council going to do to alleviate this outrageous situation with the SPD and their homophobic attacks on our community?

Most outraged,

Reverend Jerry Sloan
President, Lambda Community Fund

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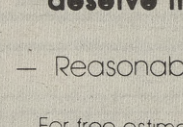

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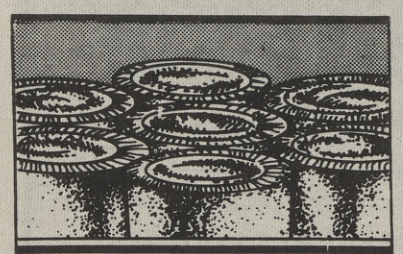

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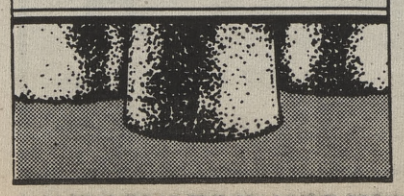

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S.F. Supervisor hopeful comes to Sacramento

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

Roberta Achtenberg, a longtime Bay Area civil rights attorney and 1988 candidate for state assembly, is seeking the help of Sacramentans in her current race for a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

The June 28 fundraising event, held at the Sacramento home of Dr. Helen Hammer raised more than $3000 for Achtenberg's campaign.

One of the evening's hosts, Sacramento attorney Rosemary Metrailer, introduced Achtenberg by saying women running for office face many obstacles — among them fundraising.

Achtenberg remembered when she declared her candidacy for the San Francisco seat, back in January. "I really didn't know how many people would show," she said. "I turned out 350 people — adults and children."

Achtenberg, former director of the Lesbian Rights Project and Dean of the New College of California Law, has been civil rights lawyer in the Bay Area for more than 15 years and became well known in Sacramento after fighting for the domestic benefits of Sacramento's Boyce Hinman and Larry Beaty.

Ironically, Achtenberg's main opponent is another lesbian, Carol Migden. Tom Burns, California Capital Political Action Committee President, suggested that "San Francisco power brokers" are trying to "split the vote."

In November, San Francisco voters will elect five supervisors, three incumbents are expected to win easily, leaving two new seats open to the 17 known candidates. Half of the San Francisco supervisorial elections are conducted every two years.

Achtenberg also highlighted the need for more lesbians in government by stating there are only five lesbians holding office compared to 45 gay men around the nation.

But while disappointed that more lesbians are not representing the public interest, she said the election of Donna Hitchens to the San Francisco Superior Court was a major victory.

Hitchens, founder of the Lesbian Rights Project and now the highest-ranking openly lesbian elected official in California, won by only 784 votes over Jerry Bensen, an appointee of Governor Deukmejian.

In campaign literature, Achtenberg promises to "continue to fight for progressive causes" such as:

— a comprehensive city response to AIDS;

— a vacancy control law to protect the rights of tenants;

— expanded city action against domestic violence.

Achtenberg, who is chair of San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos' 24 person Task Force on Family Policy, also plans to continue the effort to pass a domestic partnership plan, promote flexible work schedules and job sharing while increasing daycare options.

After a year on the Task Force with meetings heavily attended by the right-wing, Achtenberg feels a success. "Appointing a lesbian to head family policy allowed us to reject the assertion that gay society devalues the traditional family," she said.

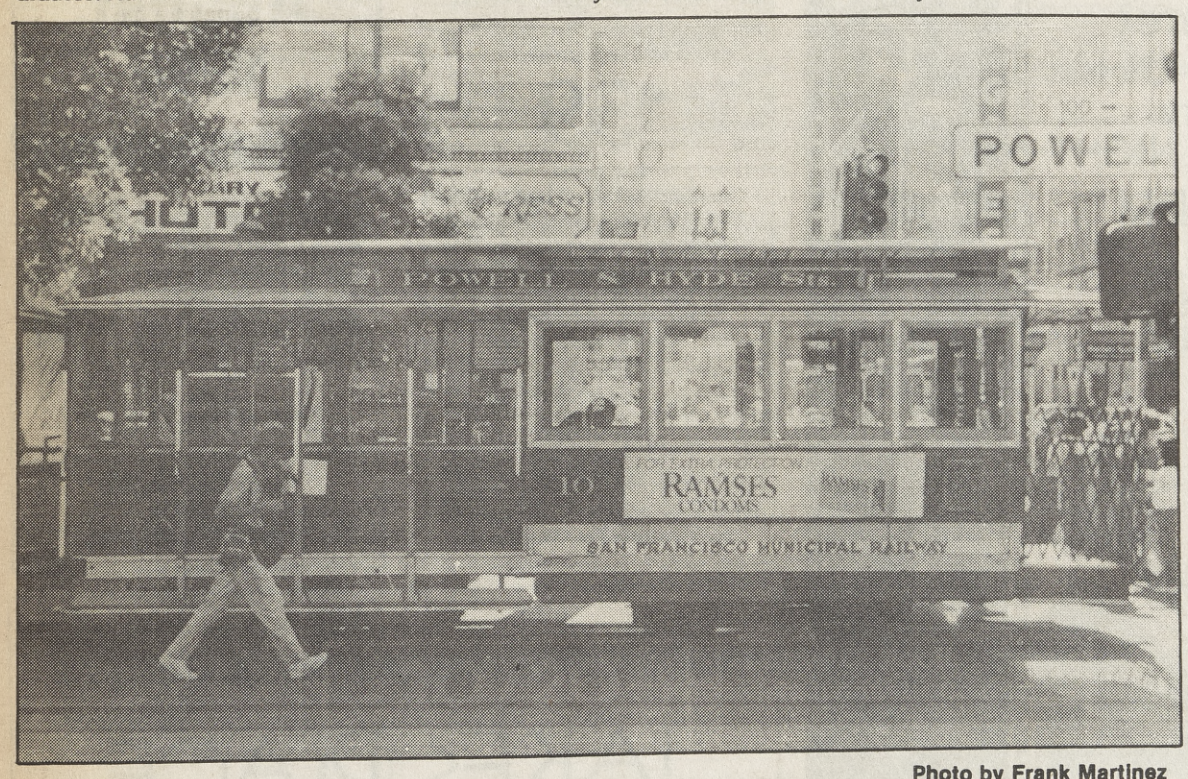
Eight years ago, Achtenberg fought with Sacramento attorney Carolyn Langenkamp in a failed effort to gain domestic partnership privileges for Larry Beaty, lover of Boyce Hinman.

"It's because you had faith in me then, that I am where I am now," said Achtenberg. "I think we have a lot to be proud of."

The candidate also presented some of the findings from the Task Force's report, including that a domestic partnership plan is economically feasible for San Francisco. Achtenberg says her report could help other cities, such as Sacramento, when the issue arrives before legislative bodies.

"You don't have to re-invent the wheel," she said. "We've already addressed the objections and dealt with the questions. We've calculated what kind of additional health benefits and how much they would cost." ■

Carolyn Langenkamp, candidate Roberta Achtenberg and Rosemary Metrailer. Photo by Linda Birner



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Condom advertising now on cable cars

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

Condom advertising in San Francisco has gone public.

Schmid Laboratories, the world's largest condom manufacturer has become the first company to advertise condoms on public transit.

The company says it is breaking a traditional taboo to respond to an increased need for public education about AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

City officials have agreed the time has come for condom advertising.

Unlike previous ad campaigns for condoms that have taken a public service approach, the new outdoor campaign tries to reach a broader audience by encouraging general condom use.

The ads, which began appearing on 75 taxis, 10 cable cars and 23 bus shelters last month, show a box of condoms on a white background.

Schmid President Don Falk conceded the AIDS crisis has opened doors for condom makers by expanding the market and increasing public tolerance of condom advertising.

The San Francisco advertising project will continue through August. At the end of the campaign, the company plans to evaluate the effectiveness of the message by tracking sales and conducting surveys.

The new condom advertising comes just weeks after sexually suggestive ads, sponsored by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, began appearing at bus stops throughout the city.

Critics of the poster-size ad showing two nude young men holding a condom, wrapped in an American flag, say it is inappropriate for a public place. ■

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July 28
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Aug. 3-11
An evening of one-act plays. *Radclyffe... The Well of... A Lonely Romance* by Fire Hall Theatre.

Aug. 1-25
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Aug. 3-12
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Aug. 6
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MGW 's Pull Out Section

MGW FLASH!

by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

For phone numbers and details on events mentioned in this column, check the calendar and organization information in the back of the paper.

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On a recent hike around town, I proudly wore my new ***MGW*** T-shirt. It's a white shirt with bright blue letters emblazoned down the side. It crossed my mind that while it is quite attractive, it might also bring a few people out of the woodwork. And that it did! Restaurant workers were much more attentive. And a moment later a patron unmistakably stared me down with a smile. To get your fair share of positive attention, pick up your T-shirt today. It tells it all but only to those who are enlightened. Guaranteed results! ● Summer 90 is now officially in full swing. Especially since my July 4 trip to **Fife's** on the **Russian River!** Some of the highlights included performances at the **Woods** resort, country lessons and dancing in Fife's lodge and the "Moon Over the River" contest at **Molly Brown's.** My dear friend **Chris Borner** entered the contest and won! While Chris claimed to be a nervous wreck over the bun-baring experience, my informants tell a different story. Apparently this contest is just another notch on the wall. Congratulations anyway ● Heard through the grapevine that flowers and balloons are the in thing at **Dianne's—Crazy Razor** and **Pat's—The Associates** ..... wonder what's going on!!? ● **RCDC** has been asked to join a huge coalition in an effort to elect Dianne Feinstein Governor of California. Gays and lesbians were included without question. The coalition will also incude Hispanics, Blacks, women's groups and disabled groups to mention a few. Our community representatives are **Sandy Virago** and the **Rev. John Rodgers.** If you are interested in helping, call Sandy at 428-0768 ● Congratulations to San Francisco's PBS station, Channel 9. The station had four hours of gay pride programming, the evening before the gay parade. One film entitled ***Tongues Untied*** was an incredible piece about Black Gay men in America. It's a clever, fast paced, witty and poetic movie. See it at a Gay Film Festival or rent the video in the future ● Last time, Flash reported a new group forming for Lesbian Mothers. One of the organizers, **Aeisha Jones,** informs me of a new contact number 381-0845. The group informally tours the coffee havens in town and occasionally plans other events ● Last week, Sacramento was host to the **Camellia City Volleyball Tournament.** Seven teams from around the state competed and prepared for the upcoming Gay Games. The organizer for the event was **Ken Brock.** The captain of the **"Sacramento Capitols"** is **Bill Michaelson.** And while our local team did not place in the top three, **Julian Ortiz** was voted the "most sportsman." We will all be rooting for the Sacramento Capitols on their trek to the games in Vancouver. Hats off to coach **Tera Boudukofski** for pulling the team together ● For news that affects our community, one source to check is definitely **Sacramento News & Review.** In the last two weeks, the paper had a front page report on gay teens and a feature article on Sacramento ACT-UP. And the Amanda column is almost as witty as my ***MGW Flash*** column ● On the subject of newspapers, what an honor to see the **Rev. Jerry Sloan's** tribute to **Tim Warford** in the ***Suttertown News.*** For those that missed Tim's memorial service, these are thoughtful words not to miss. Mayor **Anne Rudin** also shared a few kind thoughts at the service. I will truly miss Tim as he was always a friend and knowledgeable resource. He contributed to this column many times ● The July Oak Park "Hot Dish" Potluck at **Jon Marshack** and **Rik Rasmussen's** home was filled with good conversation and great food. The turn-out was respectable despite a teeny tiny misprint on the invites putting the date at *January* 8 instead of July 8! The next gathering on August 5 will most likely be at the home of **Bruce Gunn.** Some members of the group were concerned that Bruce's small deck might not accommodate such a large crowd. Oh well, we can always over-flow into the street. Call Jon at 454-4331 for the exact address ● For the current Baskins Robbins flavor of the week, call **Kevin Cohee** at 1-800-ICE-CREAM. Coincidentally Kevin is starting a newsletter filled with info on a number of calorie-laden frozen desserts. There is rumor that he's even included a laundry tip sheet that tells what cleaner takes out what flavor ● The other columnist **Louella Parsons** (Dan Palomino) is once again taking stabs in the dark. (I mean writing) She lends an entirely new meaning to the term "creative writing." Wish there was more to say but Louella's been in hiding lately. Maybe retirement is in the future. May I add to the pension fund? ●
What a shame to lose **PAVA'S Restaurant** to fire. After many fine dinners and meetings, it will be strange. **Tango Restaurant,** owned by the same folks will hopefully partially fill the void ● The next SAF **Buddy Connection/90,** safe sex workshop is Friday July 27. If you have never attended one of these workshops or want a refresher, mark your calendar! The fun happens at 19 & K . streets ● **Stan Hadden** recently ly sent a news clip to ***MGW*** publisher **Linda Birner.** Knowing Linda's fondness for penguin mementos, the article dealt with a penguin stampede in Australia. Subsequently 7,000 birds were killed in the action. It appears to all of us now that Stan has quite the warped sense of humor ● Some friends in the Greenhaven area threw quite the lavish event recently. They claim that the success of the evening is due largely to **A Social Affaire** who decorated and catered the party. The driving force behind the company is **Charles Thornley.** For your next party, large or small, give them a call ● That's all for now, in the weeks ahead (and years) carry the pride of the Lambda Freedom Fair everywhere you go. And come out to just one more person who means a lot to you. Until August, thanks for reading .....

— *John*■

Multi media — small collection

Art show and reception of P.J. Dunker

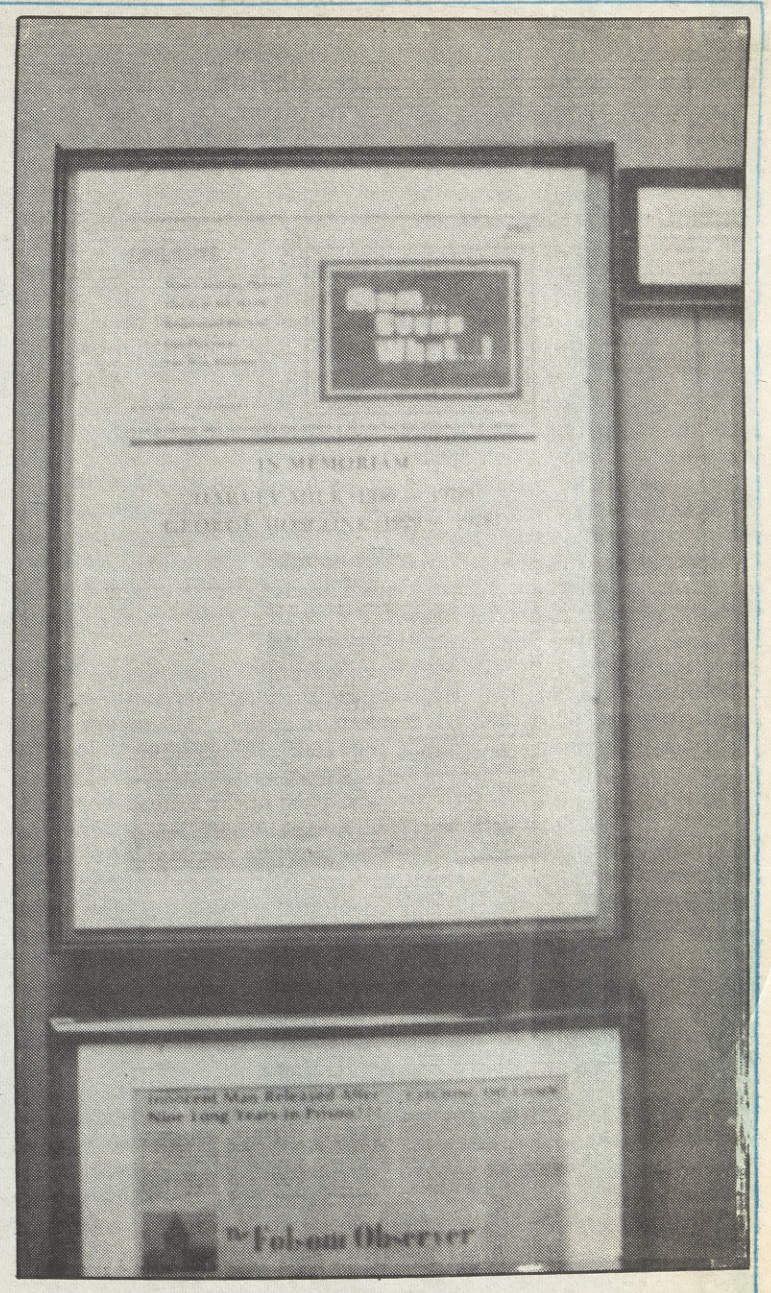
reviewed by Maggie Melton
OF MGW STAFF

The collection featured a grouping of motorcycles and cyclists done in stippled pen and ink — possibly the finest part of the exhibition. The largest piece was a very interesting faceless self-portrait of the artist done in mixed media on a board made of jigsaw puzzles. It was impressive for its size and also its strength. Especially striking were the acrylics on canvas. The colors were brilliant and the only way to describe the figures is "tortured," as in the piece, "Musical Chairs, Hallelujah."

P.J. Dunker showed her talent versatility by also displaying works done in pastels, black and white chalk, and an excellent scratchboard. I was pleasantly surprised to learn that she is the artist who created the beautiful "Lavender Rain," the promotional poster for Leather and Lace WMC.

If there was a down side to the showing, it was that the collection was small. Some things which were presented to flesh out the collection were obviously older pieces which had been around for awhile and had not been treated kindly.

Give us more, P.J. We'll be waiting.■



MGW in history

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MGW MEDIA WATCH

by Ben Carlson
OF SFBA/GLAAD

UC Extension Media Center

The University of California Extension Media Center is a supplier of educational films and videos to a large university system, secondary schools, and an adult market around the country. Write to them and ask why there are so few films or videos in their catalog about lesbians and gay men or the movement in general. Write to Olga Knight, Executive Director, UCEMC, 2176 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704.

No need to be punished

"Only you as an individual know why you contracted AIDS... (You) felt the need to be punished," writes New-Age guru Brenda Hoffman in her new self-help book, *A Glimpse of Your Future.* She speculates further that "maybe AIDS is a cry of the belief system of many that homosexuality is unnatural or wrong." Hoffman's reasoning suggests you cannot contract AIDS unless you want to. Let Hoffman know that the disease is caused by a virus and that no one willfully contracts it. Write to Brenda Hoffman, c/o Life Tapestry Press, 1624 Harmon Place, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

National Women's History Project

Write to Molly MacGregor, Executive Director of the National Women's History Project, and Mary Ruthsdotter, Projects Director, and ask why there is nothing about openly lesbian feminists or lesbian leaders or lesbian role models in the materials in their catalog or conference program. Write them at the National Women's History Project, 7738 Bell Rd, Windsor, CA 95492.

Bird on a Wire

In Universal's top-grossing new comedy-adventure movie *Bird on a Wire,* Mel Gibson's character, who is on the run, hides out by assuming various fake identities. One of those identities is "Matty," a hairdresser, whom Gibson portrays according to a swish stereotype. "Raun," the bitchy, malicious, equally flaming salon owner, argues with "Matty" over a debt, but then begs the departing "Matty" to take him along. No doubt remains about the "manhood" of Gibson's character after he drops the swish act and crashes through the salon's glass doors on his motorcycle.

Many people help Gibson's character out in the film, but not the nasty queen. The gay characterizations in the show seem intended to deride gays. Co-star Goldie Hawn's character certainly finds "Matty" ridiculous.

Complain to Sid Sheinberg, Chairman, MCA Inc., 10 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608. Write to Mel Gibson and director/co-producer John Badham at the same address. Also write to Goldie Hawn, Hollywood Pictures, 500 S. Buena Vista St., Burbank, CA 91521.

L.A. Law

The May 10 episode of *L.A. Law* included a thoughtfully written plot on "outing" which pitted a gay hero cop against the gay journalist who outed him as a "role model." By presenting non-stereotypical, articulate, and principled gay characters, *L.A. Law* has upheld the standards set by the show last season in an episode which featured a gay Olympic athlete. The recent episode contained great messages about the effects of prejudice, discrimination, and life in the closet.

Thank the show's producers for reminding America about the human impact of bigotry, write to David Kelley, Executive Produer, L.A. Law, 20th Century Television Corp, Box 900 Beverly Hills, CA 90213.

New Dimensions

The new, nationally-distributed, right-wing magazine *New Dimensions* continues its campaign of raving anti-gay propaganda with the June cover story *Battleground America: the Cold War.*

Editors Mark Masters and David Kupelian attack changing attitudes on homosexuality: "While in 1935, homosexuality was looked upon as a gross perversion and a sin, today's Health Department exhorts churches and religions to change their values to embrace homosexuality ... This difference between what the government told America's young people in 1935 and in 1990 encapsulates the entire problem (of loss of values), and points directly to the root cause of the nation's epidemic of ... problems that are currently tearing the nation apart."

As a result of your responses to GLAAD's previous bulletin about *New Dimensions,* the magazine's two major sponsors, Foulger Ford and Santa Anita Acura, have dropped their accounts with the magazine. To let the remaining advertisers know how you feel about their support for this journal of bigotry, write or call Brighton Academy, 1121 N.E. 7th St, Grants Pass, OR 97526 (503) 474-6865; Miguel Flores, Flores Phone Ser ice, 4150 S. Halldale Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90062 (213) 295-5640; Gene L. Takamine, Attorney-at-Law, 3610 S. Bristol, Suite 108, Santa Ana, CA 92704 (714) 545-4447; and Ken Ladon, Select-A-Tenna, 600 Amber Lane, Santa Maria, CA 93454.

Censorship of sexuality

The Coalition of Concerned Minority Parents, an Indianapolis group, has requested that Indianapolis high school libraries restrict student access to an anthology of poems by Allen Ginsburg because of gay content.

Mmoja Ajabu, a group spokesman said that because the book described homosexual activity, "We felt it should be under the instruction of an adult who is aware that it is not the norm."

Help Ginsburg educate the group by writing or calling Mmoja Ajabu, Coalition of Concerned Minority Parents, 3206 W. 57th St, Indianapolis, IN 46208 (317) 299-4127.

Hate rap

The popular rap group Audio Two, the first rap group to play Carnegie Hall, has a new song released by Atlantic Records calls *Whatcha Lookin' At?* Here's a sample of the lyrics:

"I can't understand why you lookin' this way / What's the matter with you boy, are you gay? / I hope that ain't the case / 'cause gay muthahs get punched in the face / I hate faggots, they livin' in the village / like meat on some maggots."

Remind the group's producer and label that according to a National Gay and Lesbian Task Force study, there were over 700 hate crimes perpetrated against gays and lesbians last year. So far this year, over 200 such attacks have been reported in New York City alone!

Write or call the producer at: First Priority Records, Nat Robinson Management Inc, 824 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn, NY 11216 (718) 363-2682. Write or call the label at Atlantic Records, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019 (212) 484-6000.

MGW IMPRESSIONS

Amazons are missing link

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Ever since Charles Darwin came up with the theory of evolution, scientists have been wondering what is the missing link between apes and humans.

Rutgers University professor Susan Cavin didn't just wonder. She came up with an earth-shattering hypothesis that could make gay men and lesbians stand up and strut.

The answer? Amazons.

That's right — Amazons were the missing link, the first human beings, the ones who founded civilization one to two million years ago, according to Cavin.

"I feel that the missing link is in a society with an extended female family," said Cavin.

"Adult female relationships are critical to the origin of society — they are the core of the family."

Cavin, 42, came to this startling conclusion by comparing the sex ratio of our closest primate relatives — chimpanzees and gorillas — with early accounts of Amazons.

The author of the 1985 masterpiece "Lesbian Origins" found that the sex ratios are extremely similar.

"Many of the primates fit the high female sex ratios as well as the earliest humans," said Cavin.

Both primate and Amazon societies are based on a high female/low male sex ratio.

The basic family unit consists of many females, their young offspring and one adult male.

All other males — from adolescence onwards — live on their own.

Cavin contends that the first human society to evolve was very similar — lots of females with their children and a very low number of adult males.

"The key is the female herd — with a small number of adult males and very young males."

Cavin admits that her theory is as much speculation as any other.

But evidence is mounting to back up her conclusion:

* Myths of Amazon ancestors exist worldwide.
* The earliest human bones are female.
* Prehistoric burial sites in the Middle East or the "cradle of civilization" show more female than male bones.
* The earliest prehistoric armor — found in the Soviet Union — are breast plates designed for women warriors.
* As late as the 19th century, explorers found tribes with high female/low male sex ratios in Asia and India.
* Many early tribes — such as Native American ones — fell into this category before being "civilized" by the White Man.

A high female/low male ratio raises the chance of survival. One male can impregnate many females and have a greater number of offspring.

"In terms of evolution, early societies would have had to go for the highest reproductive rate they could get in order to survive."

So what happened? How did we get to today's equal male-female ratio?

Cavin theorizes that the period from 10,000 to 1,000 B.C. saw cataclysmic change. Either the sons refused to leave the group at adolescence or bands of adult males took over the female tribes.

"I'm torn between the sons overthrowing their mothers or the expelled males wanting to get back in," said Cavin.

"But early patriarchy was characterized by high-male sex ratios which you can still see in some Asian and East Indian societies," said Cavin.

According to Cavin, today's one-to-one male-female sex ratio is a relatively recent evolutionary development — one that is a mere 3,000 years old.

Cavin admits that her theory is not popular among Western heterosexual scientists. They use other groups of primates such as baboons — which have a nuclear family — to say that human society always has been like it is today.

"Primates have every type of family structure and social organization that we have," said Cavin.

"Depending on the ideology, human scientists pick the one that looks the closest to their own family."

But Cavin said the eivdence is on her side.

"There are more primates that practice high female/low male sex ratios than the baboon-type nuclear family."

And she points to other countries such as the Soviet Union whose scientists take it for granted that society was founded and run by women eons ago.

"Standard Communist and Russian textbooks subscribe to the matriarchial theory of society," said Cavin.

"A third of the world was teaching this theory, at least until recently — though I don't know what they were saying about Amazons or high female/low male sex ratios."

For Cavin, her findings are extremely important not just to ivory tower theoreticians but to lesbians and gay men.

The Amazon origin of life shows that lesbians and gay men are not an aberrant life form created of a mutant gene but, instead, are the basis of human life, the oldest evolutionary member of the species on the planet.

Dell Richards is a syndicated journalist whose book ***Lesbian Lists*** *is available nationwide.* ■

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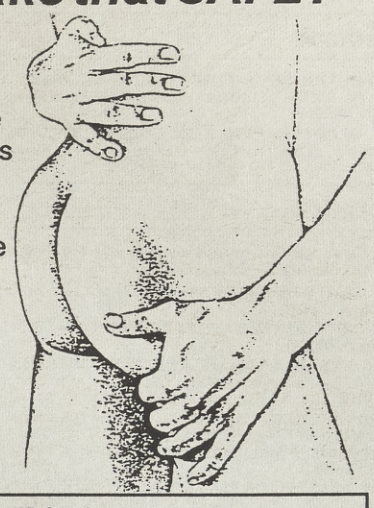

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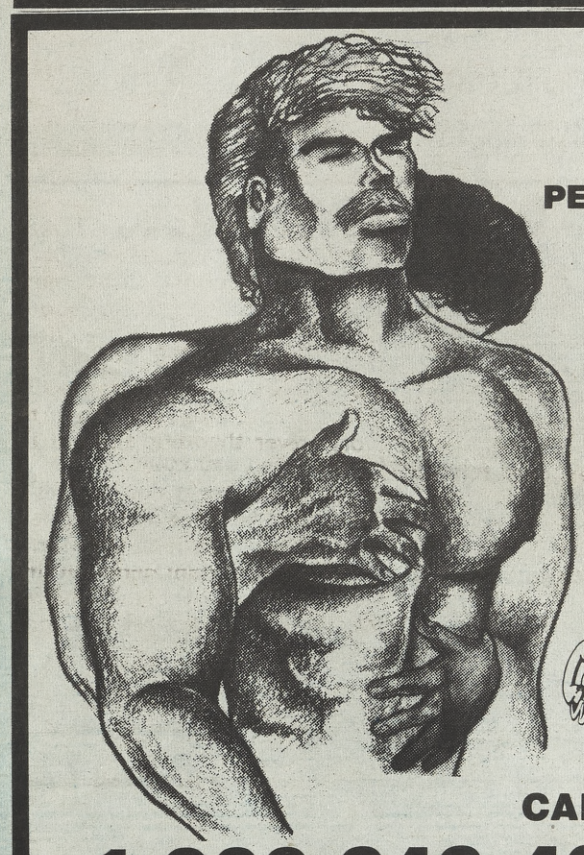

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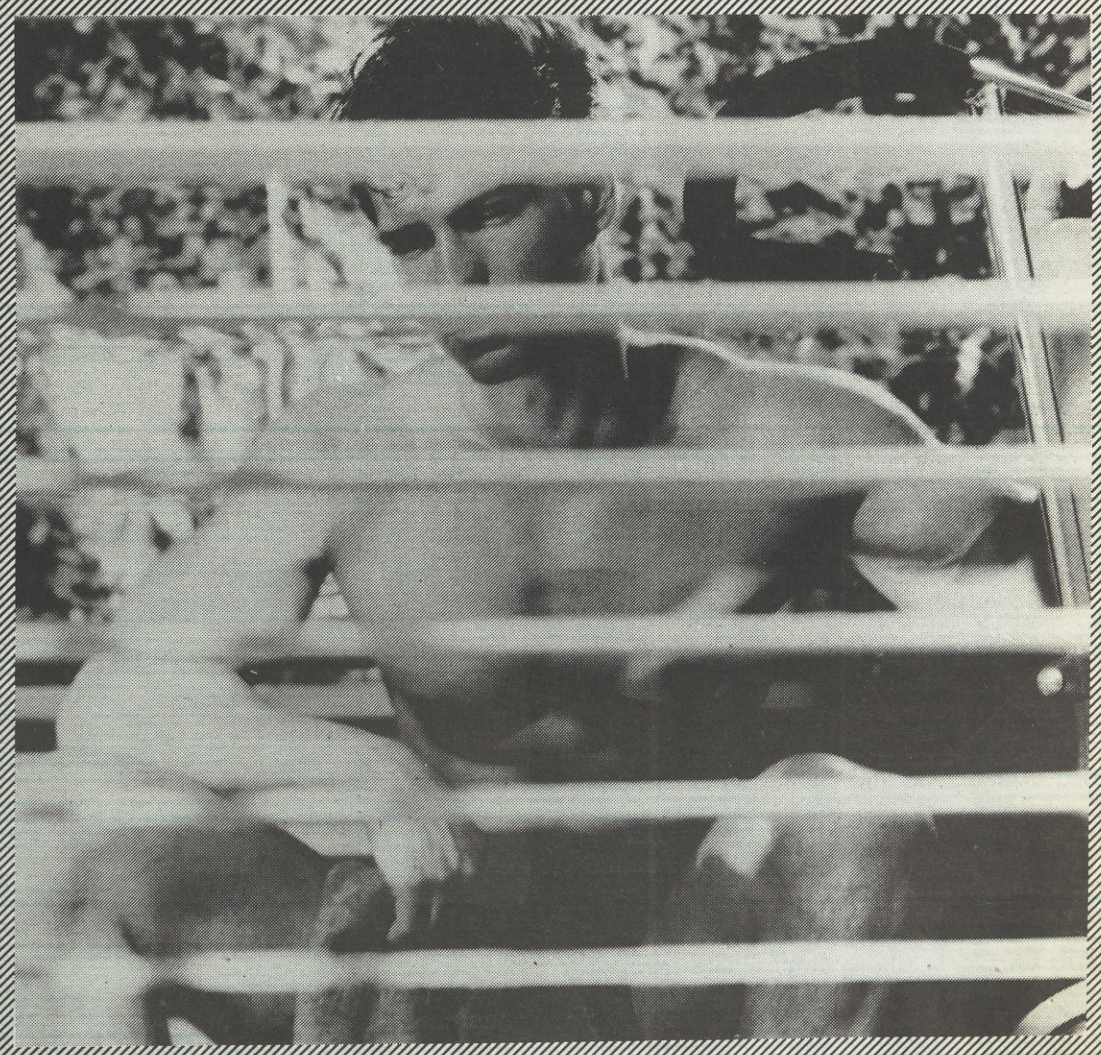

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• **CAL. CAPITOL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE.**—(CAPPAC)(Demo./Rep.) 1008 10th St. #255, 95814, 736-2722.

• **CONCERNED REPUBLICANS**—Sacramento Log Cabin, John Madriz 368-0341.

• **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**—2131 Capitol Ave., Suite 206, 95816. 4th Wed., 6:30pm, City Hall 444-6903.

• **LOBBY FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM & EQUALITY**—(LIFE) Rand Martin, 926 J St. #1020, 95814.

• **RIVER CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB**—Box 161958, 95816. 3rd Mon., Lambda Center, 1931 L St.

• **LAMBDA LAW ASSOCIATION**—McGeorge School of Law, 3200 5th Ave., 95817.

Religion

• **AFFIRMATION**—United Methodists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, Ellie, Jeanne, 489-2340

• **CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC LESBIANS**—meets 1st Sat. evening. Kathleen 362-4133.

• **CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV**—220 Danvers St., San Francisco, 94114. (415) 861-6932.

• **DIGNITY**—Box 161765, 95816. (Catholic) Mass & meeting, 2nd & 4th Sun., 3pm, St. Francis Chapel, 26th & 'K', 441-0427(msg)

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• **METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF STOCKTON**—Meets at 2737 Pacific Ave. (Unitarian Church), at 6pm Sun. Box 8323, Stockton, 95208.

• **LUTHERANS CONCERNED/SA**—4th Sun. Kevin S. Braaten-Moen, 739-0607

• **UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO**—Gay and Lesbian Support Group. 2425 Sierra Blvd. (916) 483-9283.

• **S.D.A.**—Box 3840, Los Angeles, 90078. (213) 876-2076.

Social

• **IF THE SHOE FITS**—Box 2030, Cameron Park, 95682. El Dorado Lesbian/Gay Network. 622-8690.

• **GREEN HAVEN AND SOUTH POCKET AREA RESIDENTS**—Get-togethers and potlucks. Call 421-7217 or 429-2806.

Student

These student groups usually get together when classes are in session.

• **GAYS & LESBIANS AT ARC**—Thur 11am Dr. Johns. 484-8340.

• **CHICO STATE GAY/LESBIAN UNION**—CSU Chico, 95926.

• **GAYS & LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF SAC STATE**—(G.L.A.S.) CSUS, 6000 J St., Box 33, 95819. Thu. 8-9:30pm, Gwyn 485-4531.

• **BISEXUALS, GAYS & LESBIANS AT DAVIS**—433 Russell Blvd., Davis, 95616. 1st, 3rd Weds. 7-8pm., rap group 8:15. Events tape 753-2090.

• **DELTA LAMBDA PHI**—(National Social Fraternity) CSUS, Box 188483, 95818-9998, Steven 451-9829.

Women

• **ALTERNATIVE CONNECTION FOR WOMEN IN THE VALLEY**—for women's networking. Call Stockton 209-941-2611.

• **BOUND & DETERMINED**—Box 5014, 95817. Woman-to-woman S/M support group.

• **CAMPING WOMEN**—Sac Chapter, Gail 689-9326. Camille 662-0460, Box 13261, 95813

• **CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER FOR WOMEN & THEIR FAMILIES**—448-2951.

• **CSUS WOMEN'S CENTER**—6000 'J' St., 95819. 278-7388.

• **DAVIS WOMEN'S READING CIRCLE**—Last Thurs., Christine (916) 758-2875.

• **EL DORADO WOMEN'S CENTER**—3133 Gilmore Street, Placerville, 95667. 1-626-1450 or 1-626-1131.

• **FOOTHILLS ALTERNATIVE WOMEN'S NEWSLETTER**—(FAWN) Nevada, Placer, & El Dorado Co. (916) 265-9312

• **LESBIAN RIGHTS PROJECT**—1370 Mission St., SF 94103. Public interest law firm.

• **NAT'L. ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN**—Box 1404, 95807, 442-3414.

• **NOW LESBIAN RIGHTS TASK FORCE**—331-5036, Kay, Lorraine.

• **SAC PULSE**—Women's Card Group, Gloria 368-1051

• **SAC AREA CAREER WOMEN'S NETWORK**—Meetings 3rd Fri. 6:30-9:30, 486-8985

• **SAC TRADESWOMEN**—Supportive network of women in non-traditional work. Meets 2nd Fri., 456-5555.

• **SAC WOMEN'S CENTER**—2306 J St., *#200. 441-4207.*

• **SAC WOMEN'S CHORUS**—Mon. 6:30-9pm, Martie, 1-756-5658, 1-753-6022.

• **SOLANO COUNTY GAY INFO LINE**—Women Preferring Women. Vacaville 707/448-1010, 707/449-0550 Kathy, Box 9, Vacaville 95696.

• **SNOW WHITE CHAMPAGNE BALL**—December party for women. To be on mailing list write Linda Birner, 1725 L Street, 95814.

• **SPOKES WOMYN CYCLING CLUB**—Box 162784, 95816 447-6270/441-0967.

• **WOMEN'S RAP GROUP AND SOCIAL**—Mon., 7-9pm Lambda Center, 1931 L Street, 381-5569.

• **WOMEN'S HEALTH RESOURCE**—of Sutter Community Hospital, 733-3000

• **YWCA**—1122-17th St., 95814. 442-4741

Youth

• **CALIFORNIA RUNAWAY HOTLINE**—1-800-843-5200.

• **YOUTH CRISIS LINE**—Mon-Fri, 3-9pm EST 1-800-221-7044. NGTF, 80 5th Ave., NY 1001.

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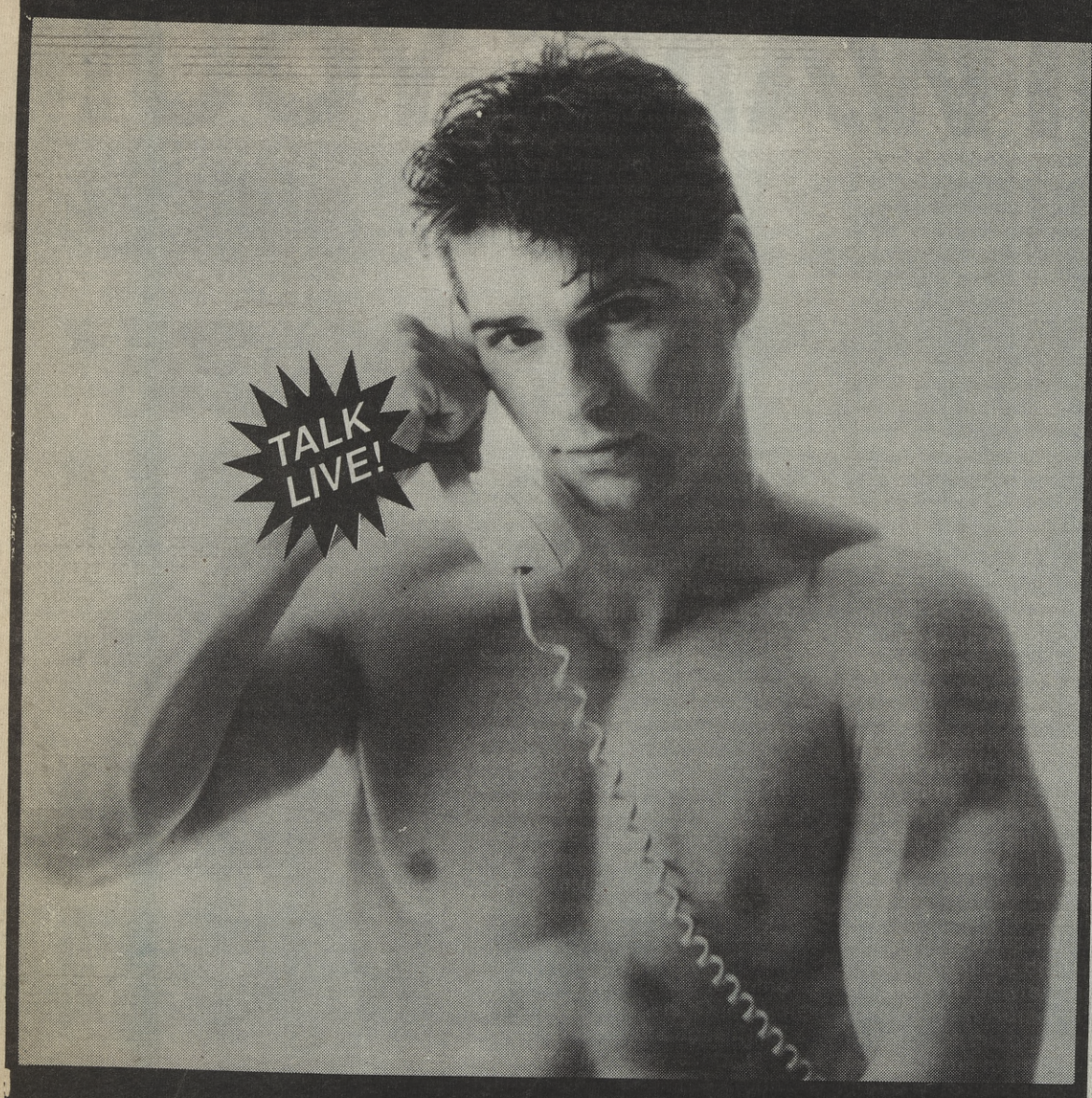

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